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BATTLE FOR KEY POINT

Crack Greek troops — the famous white-kilted Evzones — are fighting picked Italian Alpine regiments for the key position in the rugged mountainous country road to Florina.

The Italians appear to have made little progress.

According to Yugoslav observers at Stenje, near the confluence of the Yugoslav-Greek-Albanian frontiers, the Italian objective is to force the eastern gap in the Peristeri chain of mountains, in order to reach Florina, on the Monastir-Salonika road and railway, which would open the way towards Larissa, in the southwest, and Kozame, in the south-east.

The Greeks, however, apparently have been firmly holding the Bigle Heights which cover Plisobar Gorge, which is the key position on the only road through the mountains usable by motorised units.

Heavy gunfire in the neighbourhood of Koritsa yesterday indicated the Italians have been bombarding important Greek positions on the flanks of the gigantic Bigle Mountain. — Reuter.

FIVE MILES UP--BUT NOT HIGH ENOUGH

A German single-seater fighter-bomber, flying nearly five miles high over Dover yesterday, was shot down in flames by British anti-aircraft gunners.

The German raider was only a white speck in the clear blue sky when the gunners, after firing a few rounds, scored a direct hit.

This was one of the incidents of yesterday's raids on Britain which again saw fighters and anti-aircraft defences constantly in action.

In addition to isolated raiders they had to deal with several formations from a score to 50 fighters some of which entered the Portsmouth region and others tried their luck in the direction of London.

The official communiqué states that formations were quickly dispersed and repelled. Damage and casualties were small and one German fighter was shot down. — Reuter.

Mediterranean Fleet Opportunity

THE ITALIAN DECLARATION OF WAR ON GREECE HAS PROVIDED THE BRITISH NAVY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN WITH GREAT OPPORTUNITIES OF WHICH THEY ARE ALREADY AVAILING THEMSELVES, IT WAS STATED IN WELL-INFORMED NAVAL CIRCLES IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Indeed, the moment appears to be approaching when one might expect powerful moves against the Italian strength with the British Mediterranean Fleet passing from its present phase of activity to a large-scale offensive.

Military Medal for Waafs

Three members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force were yesterday awarded the Military Medal for displaying "courage and example of a high order" by remaining at their posts and calmly carrying out their duties during an intensive enemy air raid on an aerodrome.

They are:— Acting Assistant Section Officer Elizabeth Candlish Henderson, daughter of Robert Candlish Henderson, Scottish King's Counsel; Sergeant Joan Eugene Mortimer, and

Sergeant Helen Emily Turner. In civil life the latter two women were, respectively, political organiser and telegraphist. — Reuter.

ATHENS AIR RAIDS

ATHENS HAD ITS FIRST AIR RAID YESTERDAY WHEN AN ALERT BOUNDED AT 10.40 A.M. AND LASTED HALF AN HOUR.

Five Italian planes were seen circling over the western part of the city followed by the white puffs of bursting anti-aircraft shells.

Another alert sounded at 11.50 a.m. but it is not yet known whether any bombs were dropped. The second alarm also lasted half an hour and A.A. fire was again heard. — Reuter.

British strength in the Mediterranean is being built up as rapidly as possible.

The strategical value of the Mediterranean has never been greater and now that Greece has entered the war, Britain has a large selection of magnificent harbours nearer to the Italian bases than any we hitherto have been able to use.

These bases must naturally be made secure against submarine, surface or air attack, a task which requires material and time.

Strategic Possibilities

Both in the Greek islands and on the mainland are many strategic key-points which would be of undoubted assistance to us in sea warfare.

Nothing can be said at present which would compromise operations already in progress but obviously if, for example, we wish to maintain communications to the Aegean Sea, Crete is of the utmost importance.

The many islands of the Aegean also offer positions from which we could fuel light craft and the Ionian Islands similarly have valuable strategic possibilities.

Harassing Flanks

Time, it was stated, is on our side and it will be taken by the forecastle, but meanwhile the Navy is doing everything possible to harass the Italian left flank in Libya.

In view of the risk of air attack in the Mediterranean, supply ships for the Fleet in the eastern Mediterranean normally use the Cape route, taking an average time of nine weeks for the voyage.

This necessitates control of the Red Sea which is being and will be maintained. — Reuter.

R.A.F. SHAKE-UP IN NAPLES

"I bet we gave the Neapolitans a real shake-up," said a flight-leader who took part in the R.A.F. bombing of Naples on Thursday night.

He added: "The idea of competing with the volcano appealed to all of us."

The bombing lasted three quarters of an hour, states the Air Ministry news service.

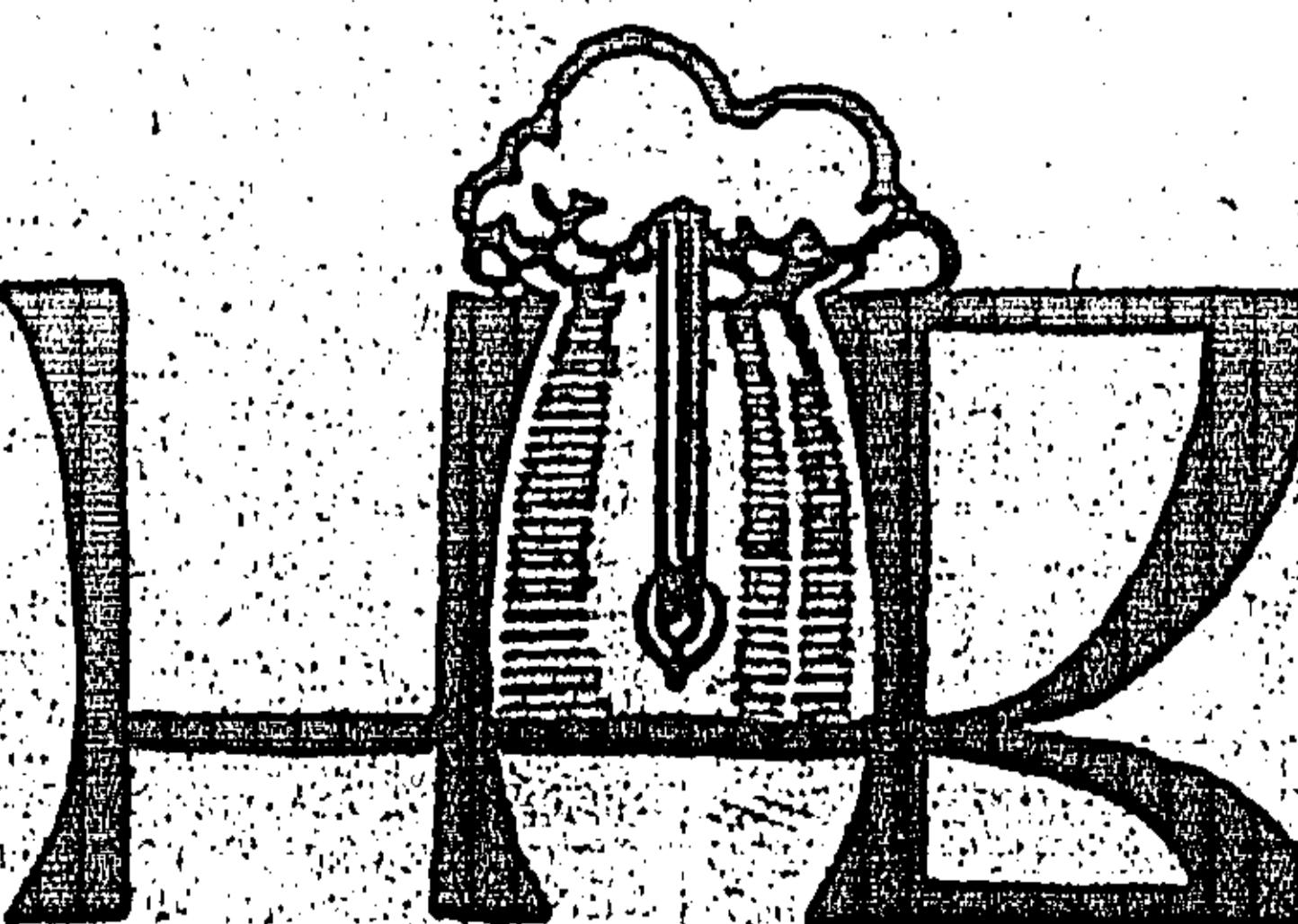
An oil refinery and storage tanks at Poggiooreale, on the southern outskirts of the city, were first heavily bombed, causing many explosions and fires.

The ground defence here was described as slight and ineffective.

Then the British aircraft, flying over the city at below 2,000 feet, attacked the station and railway junction and finally anti-aircraft batteries and searchlights were attacked and one battery silenced. — Reuter.

tardly and cowardly," and the meeting called on followers of the Prophet all over the world to condemn the action and give full support to Britain "in her heroic defence of religious liberty." — Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

OF MICE AND MEN

Hitler's Tortuous Diplomatics Prove AFlop

IL DUCE'S OFFER OF SUBSTITUTE MECCA!

Arab religious circles in Aden have been raised to a high pitch of indignation by reports that the Italians are trying to arrange a substitute pilgrimage for the great annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca.

The ersatz pilgrimage would be to the Muslim tomb near Harrar, in Abyssinia.

The Italians who, in their Arab broadcasts, claim to control the Red Sea, excuse their inability to transport pilgrims across that sea by alleging the British are preventing a genuine pilgrimage from being held this year.

As a matter of fact it was announced only this week that the British Government would provide a warship convoy for the time-honoured Mecca pilgrimage.

End Of The World

The Aden Muslim leader told Reuter yesterday that the Koran states definitely that pilgrimage may be made to nowhere but Mecca. He added: "The downfall of Mecca will be a sign of the end of the world, and it seems Mussolini is trying to bring this about."

Arrivals in Aden from Italian East Africa report that owing to shortage of labour in the principal towns, the Italians are forbidding pilgrims to go to Mecca in case they fail to return. — Reuter:

U.S. AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION PROGRAMME

A new American aeroplane production programme, aiming at increasing production capacity of 50,000 planes a year, may be launched as soon as Congress reassembles after the elections.

President Roosevelt made this announcement at his press conference in Washington yesterday, stating that such a programme was a probability.

The question arose when the President was asked whether it was possible that there would be a new programme based on Britain continuing her fight through the winter.

Asked whether reports that the Perry Gyroscope Company was making the United States secret bomb sight for Britain and would be starting shipments across the Atlantic, President Roosevelt replied he had not the slightest idea whether the story was correct.

He added: "If it is like other stories, it is not." — Reuter.

RHODESIANS RALLY TO CALL

THE RHODESIAN SECTION OF THE EMPIRE AIR TRAINING SCHEME WILL REACH ITS PEAK BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR WHEN THERE WILL BE NINE SCHOOLS TURNING OUT AIRMEN AT THE RATE OF 2,000 A YEAR, ANNOUNCED THE SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER FOR AIR YESTERDAY.

The South African Minister for Defence said that 700 Rhodesians are now serving as officers with military units in Egypt and a further 800 are serving in the ranks outside the Colony. — Reuter.

Agreement With France Evaporating

EXPECTATIONS OF an early settlement between France and the Axis have evaporated. This is the widespread conviction among well-informed diplomatic circles in Zurich.

It proves the appositeness of the old French proverb "Jamais deux sans trois," for it was already becoming taken for granted that Hitler's wheedling of General Franco had miscarried and many are at least doubtful whether Mussolini's bolt in Greece has not misfired.

The Vichy correspondent of "La Suisse" telegraphed yesterday that now that the proposed basis of the final settlement has been upset by Italy's insistence on the fulfilment of her territorial claims, political circles consider the scope of the France-German negotiations limited to alleviation of the armistice terms.

Though M. Laval apparently is willing to go to the extreme limit in concessions to Germany, and his newspaper, "Le Moniteur," is maintaining an extreme anti-British tendency, other voices have been raised.

"Le Temps" wrote yesterday: "It would be an insult to the French people if certain material alleviations weighed down the scales in order to facilitate acceptance of concessions."

Weygand Article

On the same side of the picture is placed General Weygand's signed article in the Moroccan press, affirming that the Pétain Government will make no concessions harmful to French honour and interests.

Nevertheless the suppression of dissident elements in France proceeds rapidly.

"La Suisse" reports from Vichy that 50 sub-prefects have been "retired" and 143 who gained considerable local influence have been transferred elsewhere.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" stated that earlier semi-official comments that the Franco-German negotiations would lead to a big political demonstration designed to influence the United States presidential elections, are now retracted and the warning given that nothing has been settled with France other than the principle of cooperation. — Reuter.

MORE WOMEN POLICE

Schemes for extending the numbers and activities of women police in Britain will shortly be made public.

Rigid prejudice against such extension in official quarters has finally been broken down in the face of war-time conditions and the consistent pressure of a committee formed from more than 20 of the leading Women's Organisations, representing many hundreds of thousands of women and other societies.

Cooperative guildswomen, women teachers, members of women's Institutes have at last succeeded in obtaining a definite promise of action from Sir John Anderson.

A new official circular which Sir John has authorised for issue to police authorities throughout the country is considerably advanced of anything previously produced.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL DOMINANCE

The "dominance" of the British Navy in the Mediterranean was stressed in yesterday's edition of "Trud," the Soviet trade union periodical in Moscow.

The paper says: "The strategic position of Italy, cut off from ocean communications, is much more serious than that of her ally."

The paper expressed the expectation that naval bases in the Greek islands will play a most important role in the coming struggle for leadership in the eastern Mediterranean.

An Italian drive towards Suez from Libya, writes the paper, "is prevented by the dominance of the Royal Navy in the Mediterranean." — Reuter.

DRIVER'S NARROW ESCAPE

Jumping out in time from the lorry in which he was sitting a Chinese driver narrowly escaped death yesterday.

The vehicle went to the edge of the road, turned two somersaults, and crashed 500 feet below into a small valley near the Shing Mun Catchwater Fourth Section.

The lorry was stationary while sand was being loaded on. Suddenly the vehicle started to slide backwards and before the driver could apply the brakes, was over the embankment.

The driver, Wong Wan-put, jumped out in time.

He sustained slight scratches. The lorry was damaged beyond repair.

Chief Constables are being asked to review the whole position in their own areas. Where police women are appointed in a force where there have been none before, the local authorities are advised that the new recruits can receive training provided either by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis or the Chief Constable of Birmingham.

It is now admitted that women police are likely to prove of special value as a steady influence in time of emergency, particularly among women and children.



Lady Terrington, who is the organiser of the London Region for the registration of animals under the N.A.R.P.A.C. scheme, recently visited Covent Garden, London, where she fixed identity discs on the horses. (Copyright, Fox).

FINDING OUT THE TRUTH

German propaganda in Spain has been giving one version of the damage done in recent raids on Britain and this does not tally with reports from other quarters, says a leading Spaniard — described as a close friend of Senor Suner, Spain's Foreign Minister — who is now visiting the country to find the truth for himself.

He has already discovered the falsity of the Nazi claims.

"We imagined that your city was in ruins," he said yesterday.

"I am glad to say that it is not."

He is sure that Spain will continue to remain neutral in the war. — Reuter.

ALIENS ON SERIOUS CHARGES

The flashing of lights during air raids led to the appearance of aliens before police courts in London and North-West England.

In each case they were remanded in custody.

Standing close together in a small, low-ceilinged room under West London Police Court during an air raid, an elderly Swiss couple were accused of making signals intended for aircraft.

They were Emil and Alma Wirth, aged 62 and 60, respectively, of Childs Street, Kensington.

Divisional Detective-Inspector Young, stated that when charged, Wirth replied: "Why should I want to make signals? I never flashed any torch. My wife used the torch."

Mrs. Wirth replied: "I only used

MORE GIFTS FOR SPITFIRES

Among the latest contributions towards the purchase of "Spitfire" fighters is the sum of £5,000, which has been sent by the town of Edmonton, Alberta (Canada) to the fund being raised by Edmonton, London.

Another £5,000 has been received from a Dutch tin company, representing the cost of the ninth "Spitfire" to be presented by the people of the Netherlands East Indies during recent weeks.

The Lord Mayor of London's fund for the relief of distressed air-raid victims has received the sum of £75 raised by the ship's company of H.M.S. Warspite, together with the cheery message: "Well done, London!"

South Africa continues to do its bit in aid of the fund to provide comforts for the naval patrols.

The sum of £100 has been received from the town of Bethlehem, in the Orange Free State.

This is the second to be received from this city, the first — consisting of over £48 — having been received a few weeks ago. — Reuter.

the torch to let me see while I turned the gas out under the kettle."

It was stated at the North-Western Court that while an air raid was in progress a torch was seen to flash several times.

A man was detained and a flash-lamp was in his possession.

The man, a sailor of Dutch nationality, was accused as an alien of being absent from his ship during prohibited hours.

The prosecution stated that an aircraftman saw a light flash five times. He found the man, who denied flashing a light, and said that he did not possess a flash-lamp. When he was searched at a police station an electric torch was found.

British Channel Convoy Under Heavy Gun Barrage

THROUGH WITHOUT A SCRATCH

BRITISH VESSELS WERE HEAVILY SHELLED IN THE STRAITS OF DOVER BY GERMAN GUNS MOUNTED ON THE FRENCH COAST YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Though three batteries were in action firing six-gun salvos and shells burst in the sea all around the vessels they kept steadily on their course westward through the Straits.

ITALIAN RAID ON SALONIKA

Forty civilians were killed and 80 wounded in an Italian air raid on Salonika yesterday, while 22 fires were caused. The raiders came in three waves.

At Corfu, five were killed and 26 wounded, many of the casualties occurring in the public square in the centre of the town, far away from any military objectives.

Larissa, an important communications centre, was bombed at noon by nine planes which dropped 32 bombs, killing one soldier and four civilians and injuring two soldiers and one gendarme.

Italian planes which bombed Corfu bore the Greek ensign. Unconfirmed reports say two Italian bombers were brought down by Greek fighters.—Reuter.

FORTITUDE OF BRITAIN

ADMIRATION OF THE FORTITUDE WITH WHICH THE PEOPLE OF THE BRITISH ISLES ARE FACING THE "VIOLENT AND INHUMAN ATTACK OF THE ENEMY" AND PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. CHURCHILL, ARE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN A TELEGRAM FROM THE VICEROY OF INDIA TO THE PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY.

The message was sent on behalf of the representatives of India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Burma, Ceylon, the East African colonies, Malaya, Palestine and Hong Kong, now meeting at New Delhi in the Eastern Group Conference.

The message adds: "The representatives assure you, (Mr. Churchill) of their determination to do all they can to formulate a co-ordinated plan for the most efficient utilization of sources of supply and potential production capacity of the Empire east of Suez, with the sole object of strengthening the Empire's effort so as to bring the war to an early and successful conclusion." —Reuter.

The batteries were situated one beside Cap Gris Nez lighthouse, another near Calais to the east of the Dover Patrol Memorial and the third midway between these two.

Vicinity was exceptionally clear and thousands of people watching the bombardment from the Kent cliffs saw gun flashes followed by columns of water shooting into the air as shells burst.

The whole stretch of the Channel coast was shaken by the reverberations of the explosions. Dover's new shelling warning—the double wail of air raid sirens—was sounded.

Over 100 Rounds

Over 100 shells had been fired after three quarters of an hour when the bombardment was still in progress. After an hour's shelling none of the vessels appeared to have been damaged.

Bombing Attack

An hour later the vessels were attacked by 13 dive bombers about three miles from shore.

The bombers swooped out of a clear sky, circled low over the ships, and each dropped three bombs. They then came over again and made a second attack but A.A. guns drove them off and they fled towards the French coast.

German long-range guns also fired several shells at the vessels.

A squadron of Spitfires arrived and patrolled the Channel coast while the vessels continued on their way.

German long-range guns continued shelling spasmodically until after nightfall. — Reuter.

PATROL CLASH IN DESERT

A British patrol in the Western Desert during the night of October 30/31 encountered and inflicted casualties on an enemy party without loss to themselves.

Active patrolling work also continues in the Sudan, according to the latest communiqué from British Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

In the Kassala sector on Tuesday a British patrol destroyed the contents of a small camel convoy, capturing one prisoner.

Enemy reconnaissance parties who were first successfully engaged in the Blue Nile sector at the beginning of the week are continuing their withdrawal. There is nothing now to report in Kenya and Palestine.—Reuter.



Children at play can go at once to the most up-to-date air raid shelter at the Battersea Forward Movement's Headquarters. The roof of this shelter is the youngsters' playground. Photo shows Battersea children in the shelter beneath their playground. (Copyright, Fox.)

ITALY'S HESITATION IN OPERATION AGAINST GREECE

Surprised By Greek Failure To Cave-In

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

THE ABSENCE OF ANY IMPORTANT FIGHTING SINCE THE OPENING OF THE ITALO-GREEK HOSTILITIES IS MOST SIGNIFICANT.

While this is all to the good from the Greek standpoint, as it has enabled her to complete mobilisation and move troops into the line, from the Italian point of view it is difficult to see why a campaign should hang fire which has obviously been prepared for months past, for which the Italians concentrated not only important forces but big stocks to avoid the risks of transport across the Straits of Otranto and for which roads on a large scale were built towards the Albanian frontier.

Only excuse given by the Italians hitherto is the weather but in mountainous regions such as Epirus one does not have swampy morasses and although good roads are absent even heavy rain should not much affect cross-country operations.

It is presumable that the Italians have not put out their maximum efforts because they did not expect to find the Greek nation united against them and still hoped, with German help, to achieve by guile what they might have to pay too high a price for in fighting.

Leaflet Raids

The tone of both the German and Italian press makes this argument very probable. Several Italian papers emphasise that the Italians have no quarrel with the Greek people but only their leaders who are so ill-advised as not to realise the advantages of collaboration with the Axis.

Leaflets to similar effect have been dropped from Italian planes.

The Dictators are unable to understand that any small people should so love liberty that they are prepared to make the supreme sacrifice on its behalf.

The unity and patriotism of the Greek people seems to have surprised the Italians as much as the Germans, and although there are rumours of a rift between Mussolini and Hitler in this connection it is clear from past experience that the Italians would not have jumped without making quite certain where they were landing.

Ambush Intended

It is suggested in some quarters that the offensive was in the nature of an ambush to draw the British into military operations, or to tempt the Turks to move forces from Thrace to aid Greece but if any such idea was present

LOS ANGELES ROCKED BY EARTHQUAKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Los Angeles was rocked by an earthquake on Thursday night.

No damage was done, although several shocks were felt, particularly in the west end of the city. —INS.

ALLEGED PIRATE JUNKS IN SHELTER

Apparently having used the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter as a base for operations against sampans and junks in Hong Kong waters, two alleged pirate junks were discovered in the shelter by the Police yesterday.

The Police surrounded the junks at 6 a.m. and found several rifles and hundreds of rounds of ammunition hidden away in the bottom of the boats.

Members of the crews have since been detained.

In the Italian strategy it is likely to be as complete a failure as any calculation based on Greek submission.

The Italians are already learning to their cost how the British can aid the Greeks.

The Turks are maintaining their strong positions on the Bulgarian frontier whence they can exercise a very real moderating influence on any adventurous spirit that the Italians and Germans may seek to unleash in the Balkans. — Reuter.

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YUGOSLAVIA FEELS PERCH NONE TOO SAFE ON FENCE

"HOPE" THAT HER interests will not "be threatened from any side" was expressed last night in Belgrade in a formal reaffirmation of neutrality by the Yugoslav Government.

Recalling that long before the war Yugoslavia pursued a policy of establishing friendly relations with all her neighbours, "and above all with the two great powers Germany and Italy," the statement continues:

"When the conflict between the great powers broke out Yugoslavia immediately declared her strict neutrality dependent on no other conditions than respect for her independence and the security of her frontiers."

The loyal pursuit of this policy had "more than once been the subject of open and emphatic appreciation by Berlin and Rome."

Regretting the conflict between Italy and Greece, because Yugoslavia "has friendly relations with both countries," the statement concludes: "Given the attitude hitherto maintained Yugoslavia hopes her interests will not be threatened from any side by further developments." — Reuter.

U.S. GIFT OF 100 BED HOSPITAL

Details have just reached London of plans for a 100-bed hospital, which is to be financed and erected in England by the American Red Cross for the study and treatment of communicable disease under war-time conditions.

This hospital will be linked with a new public health unit, founded by Harvard University for field and laboratory work on epidemic diseases in Great Britain. Harvard will furnish the medical staff of the hospital and assume responsibility for the scientific work.

Work has begun with the arrival in London of Dr. John E. Gordon, Professor of Preventive Medicine in the Harvard Medical School, and Dr. John R. Mote, of Boston. They are here in response to an invitation from the Minister of Health, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald. Dr. Gordon will be director of the hospital and also head of the Harvard unit.

Dr. Gordon is a recognised leader in the epidemiological phase of public health work, and is well known to officials of our Health Ministry. He recently spent three years in work on communicable diseases in the Balkans.

The hospital will be of a temporary, or hut, type, made in America and set up in England on foundations provided by the Ministry of Health. The nursing and non-professional staff and certain supplies will be furnished by the American Red Cross.

CONGO WORKING FOR ALLIED CAUSE

BOTH THE EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN COMMUNITIES OF THE BELGIAN CONGO ARE WORKING HARD FOR THE ALLIED CAUSE, REPORTS THE ASSISTANT CANADIAN TRADE COMMISSIONER IN JOHANNESBURG, WHO HAS JUST MADE A TOUR OF THAT AREA.

African troops are being trained intensively under Belgian officers, he said yesterday. — Reuter.

LONDONERS PREFER TO WALK

Every week 5,000,000 Londoners are walking rather than pay 1½d for a one-stage bus ride, according to a statement made to the Railway Rates Tribunal by Mr. Jack Gaster, solicitor, representing the London District Communist party.

He was protesting against the proposal to make further increase in road and rail charges.

Mr. Gaster suggested that it would pay the London Transport Board to restore the penny fare and recover this lost traffic. The proposed increases were unnecessary, in his contention, but if the tribunal disagreed with that they should say that the higher rates should not apply to workmen's and third-class season tickets.

Further opposition came from the London Cooperative Society, represented by Mr. L. Jellinek, who said the committee should beware of putting too much strain on the working man. "It is not merely a question of the last straw breaking the camel's back," he declared, "but of deciding which of the several camels could carry the extra burden. The working man camel has already all it can bear."

"In this war," added Mr. Jellinek, "we are fighting two enemies. One is Germany, with all the monstrosities it stands for, and the other is inflation."

ITALIAN RAID KILLS 15 ITALIANS

Victims in recent Fascist raids on the Greek city of Patras included 15 Italians. — Reuter.

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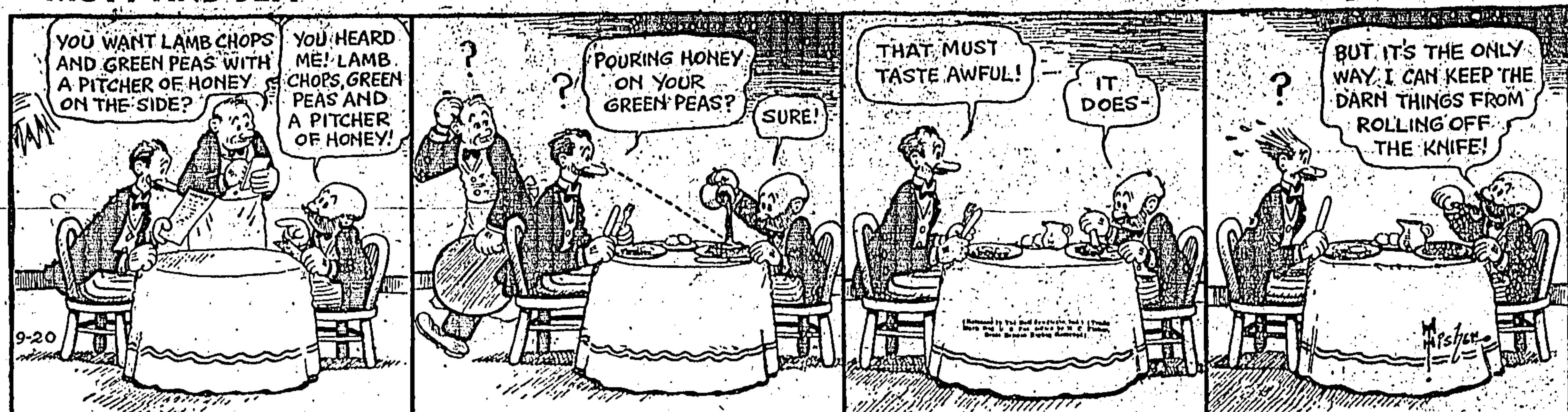
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The man, Henry Smith (49), was fined 5s., and ordered to pay £2 damages and 6s. 6d. costs when he appeared at a Midland police court charged with causing wilful damage. A further charge of being drunk and disorderly was dismissed.

Police said the lights conformed with the regulations, but Smith thought they were too bright.

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RESCUE RACE IN DARKNESS

Destroyer's race through darkness to rescue 72 passengers and the crew of 24 of a sinking steamer off the West Coast of Scotland is revealed.

The steamer was the Burns and Laird vessel, Lairdscastle, 1,945 tons, which sank within three hours of being in collision in fog with the 4,748-ton cargo steamer Vernon City, belonging to the Reardon Smith Line Ltd.

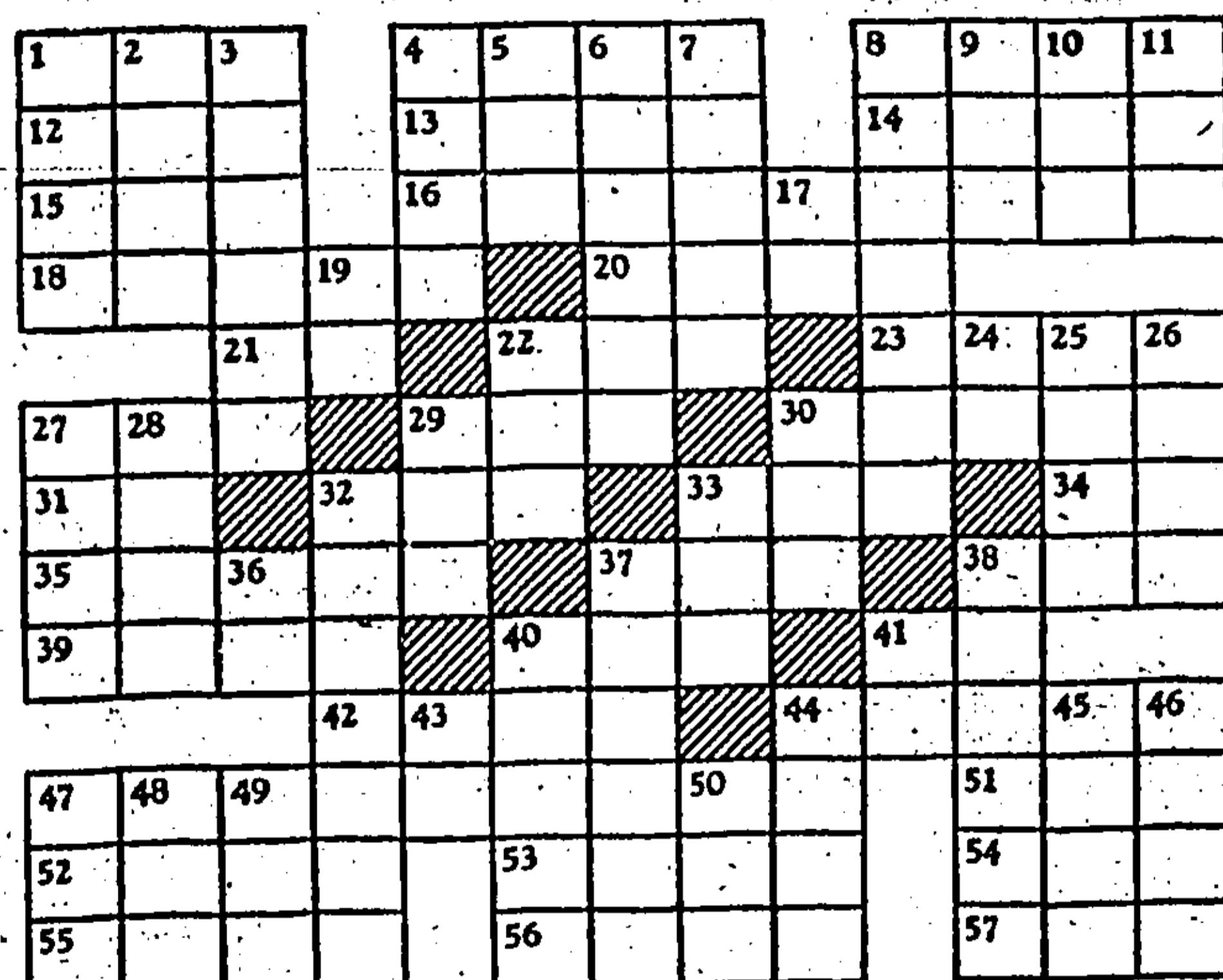
No lives were lost and the rescued people have been landed at a Scottish port.

The order to abandon ship was given after the Lairdscastle had developed a list. The sea was calm, and everybody was taken on board the lifeboats, the male passengers helping the women. One woman, Mrs. Allison, had an anxious time until she was reunited with her baby in the destroyer, which reached the spot two hours after the call for help.

NO BLAST FOR DOGS

A canine blast-proof and splinter-proof air raid shelter for 36 dogs has been designed by the National Canine Defence League of the R.S.P.C.A. It is to be placed in Kensington Gardens.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- Feline
- Egyptian goddess
- Winged
- Palm leaf
- Dwarf
- Bog
- Flowed
- Sluggishness
- King of Phrygia
- Persia
- Printer's measure
- Tibetan ox
- To allot
- Malay ribbon
- Fowl
- Abyssinian sovereign
- Mulberry
- Crow-like bird
- Scarlet
- Symbol for sodium
- Alta
- Kinsman
- Greek letter
- Clothes-fitting cap
- Dutch weight
- Three-toed sloth
- Final
- Wind instrument

47 Device for making a descent from an aeroplane

- High priest
- To aid
- God of love
- To knock
- Back of the neck
- Large sword
- Nahoor sheep

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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BROMIDE	AMBER	
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VERTICAL

- Bulb-like stem
- Turkish regiment
- Delicate
- Part of eye
- Biscuit
- Hindu
- Long-legged bird
- Revised
- Scotch waterfall
- Part of a circle
- Female ruff

17 French article

- Part of "to be"
- Timber tree
- King of Bashan
- Moon goddess
- Son of Isaac
- Non-professional
- Too
- Owls
- Beak
- To cause to collapse
- Edge
- Chinese measure
- Planet
- Jungle animals
- Embers
- Land measure
- Symbol for actinium
- Bacteriologist's plastic platinum-wire
- Wolfhound
- East Indian palm
- Woodland deity
- Arabian garment
- Garbed fabric
- Digit

PRAISE FOR THE R.A.F.

"The Jerries have met their match this time, and our boys can certainly give them all they want," writes an Englishman from Kent to Shanghai friends.

Praise for the R.A.F. in its gallant fight against German raiders, often at great odds, runs throughout the letter, extracts from which are given below. The writer speaks of watching German bombers being shot down one after another, until the whole squadron is put to flight. Nazi propaganda stories about the severity of rationing in England are denied by the writer, who states that every necessary supply is to be had.

The letter follows:

"I registered for military service some two months ago and had my medical examination a short time after, passing training. The air raid siren goes about twice a day in this district, and last Friday and again on Sunday tremendous forces of German aircraft passed right over this house on their way to their objectives, which I am glad to say they seldom reach.

R.A.F. Wonderful

"Our R.A.F. boys are wonderful. Just as an instance, about four hundred German fighters and bombers passed over here the other day and I watched just a handful of Spitfires go up and intercept them. You ought to have seen the confusion amongst the Germans—they simply turned tail and fled. Then there was the rattle of machine-gun fire and one, two and three Germans came crashing down. Unfortunately the Germans, when fleeing, discharge their bombs all over the place, and it is these bombs which mostly cause the casualties.

Food Shortage Stories

Untrue

"Terrific stories regarding our rations must have been put out by the Nazis for we have received offers of food, etc., from friends in America. However, I have assured them that as yet we are not suffering from a shortage of anything that matters.

"Last Sunday the air raid sirens went off at 1.55 just as we were in the midst of our midday meal. We managed to finish the first course in the dining room, but had the second under the stairs; of course this appealed to the two children no end, who now consider this their cubby hole or den. The other day I was out for lunch when the sirens went off, so I had to dash back to the office (E.C.3—London) to the shelter there, which was rather a nuisance. The Jerries have certainly met their match this time, and our boys can certainly give them all they want."

NEW CURFEW HOUR

Curfew hour for Brighton and Hove has now been fixed at 10.30 p.m. by the Regional Commissioner, Sir Auckland Geddes. Hitherto the curfew has been half an hour after sunset.

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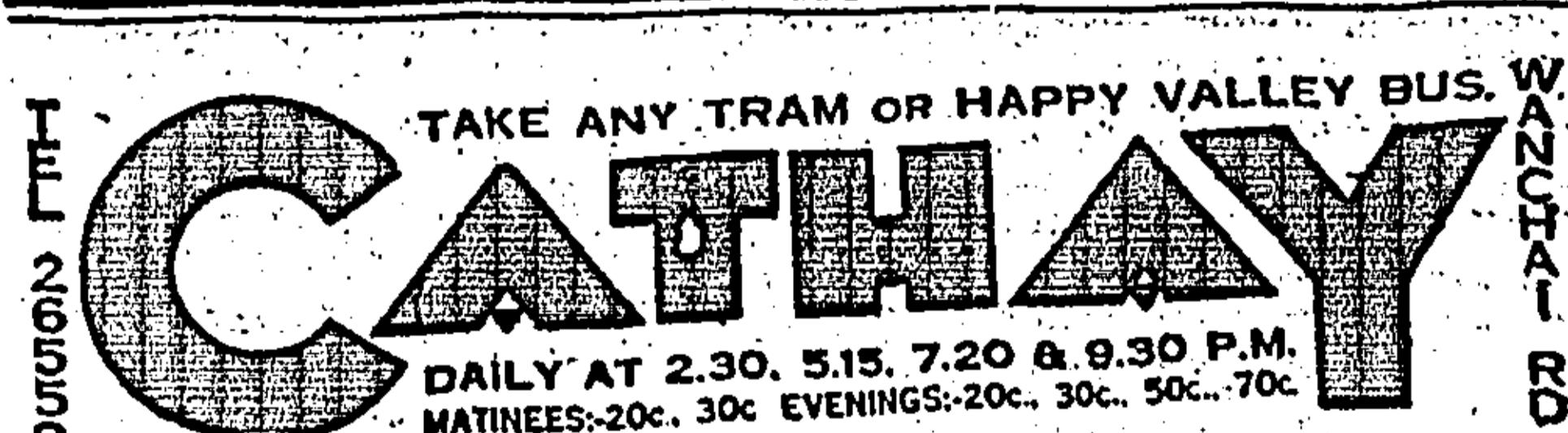
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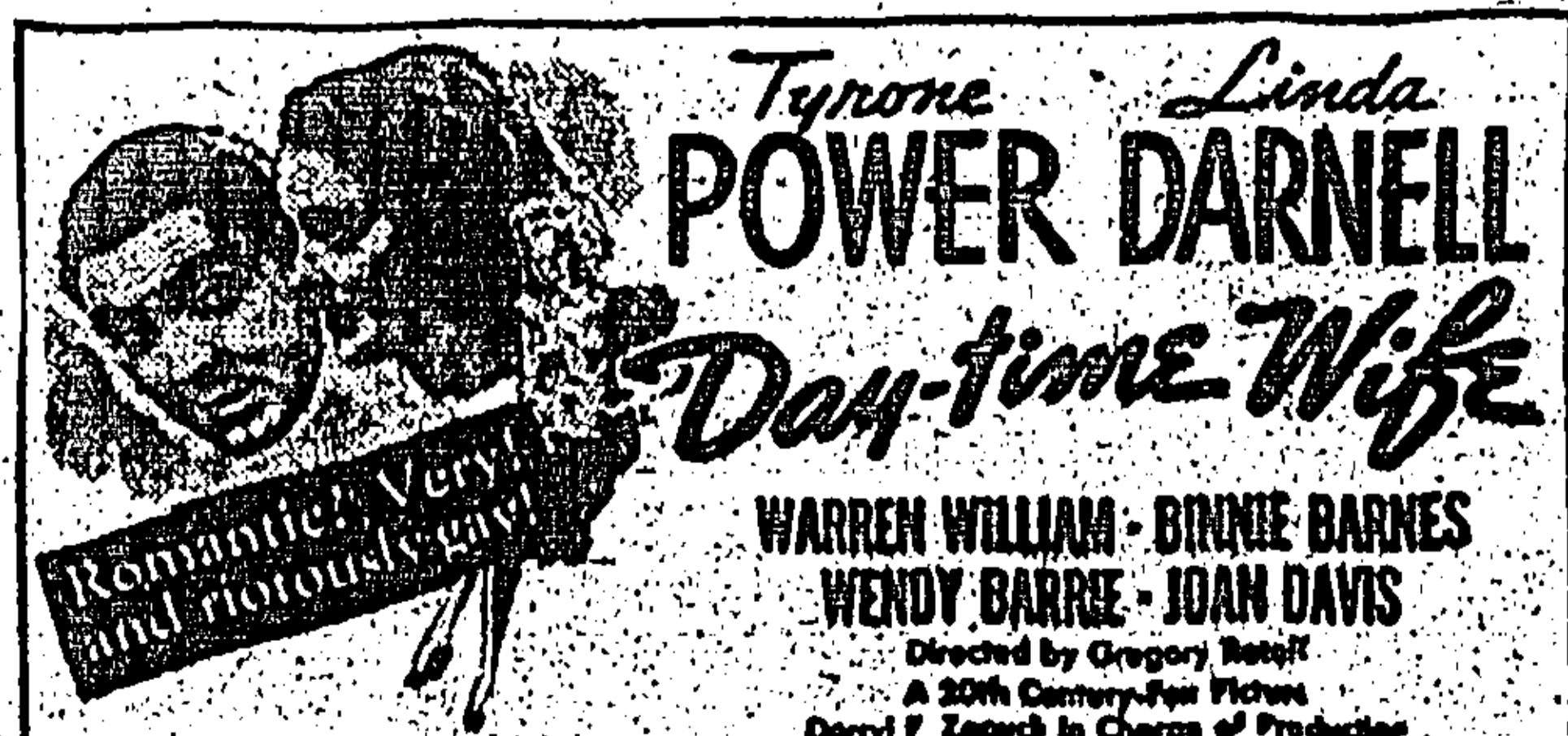
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WOMEN SHOPPERS MACHINE-GUNNED BY NAZI 'PLANES'

NAZI 'PLANES made a dive-bombing raid on a London suburb before the sirens had been sounded. The streets were full of women and children. It was the busiest hour of Saturday morning shopping.

A small works was hit. Houses were damaged. Women shoppers were machine-gunned. Seven minutes after the last bomb fell the sirens were sounded.

The incident gives point to the forecast that official policy or raid warnings is to be changed and that sirens will be sounded earlier and more frequently.

Explosions Shake Factory Workers

People in this area looked anxiously skywards as they saw British fighters suddenly sweep out across the sky.

Workers in factories in the town looked out when they heard planes overhead, and threw themselves to the ground as bombs dropped.

One employee, an old soldier, commented: "None of us needed telling to duck to avoid the blast. The explosions shook us even when we were on the ground."

"It was a typical tip-and-run raid."

"I think about six or seven planes took part. Some dived and dropped six or seven bombs, then fled."

"The bombs whistled as they came and from the noise they made appeared to be heavy high explosives."

"It was all over in a few minutes."

A direct hit was received on a small works. Another bomb damaged some houses.

Houses were also damaged in another part of the district by a bomb which fell directly in the centre of the road.

One family who had suffered in the previous raid were in process of evacuating their house. A lorry drawn up in front of the door was wrecked and furniture on it burst into flames. The family were indoors collecting remains of their home, and were uninjured.

Third Wave On London

The raid without warning took place when the third wave of Nazi planes approached London.

London has its first warning at 8.27, at a time when thousands were on their way to work.

In this raid a formation of about a dozen bombers, escorted by at least 20 Messerschmidts, swept over a South-Eastern district.

Half an hour later the raiders returned, scattered all over the sky and heavily engaged by our fighters.

At 10.40 am. another wave of raiders approached London's defences, and a warning was sounded.

Our fighters went up, and before many minutes were over the raiders turned tail. They never reached the London area.

About 1 p.m. came a third wave and another London warning.

This time an air battle developed over a South-East area, when a large formation of enemy bombers was smashed up by gunfire and British fighters within about ten minutes.

Several enemy machines were shot down. Others, their formation broken, fled in all directions. Five parachutes were seen descending.

When Spitfire Arrived

In the third-wave raiders reached the London suburbs.

Diving low, with fighter planes in pursuit, one raider fired several bursts at a busy cross roads.

A cheering sight greeted people hurrying to shelter in this district.

They saw a Spitfire chasing a Nazi out of the sky, plugging machine-gun bullets into him from close range, almost at house-top level. Gray bullets snipped branches off trees, and whistled around windows.

About 30 houses were severely damaged, some being completely

BELGIAN GIRLS "PRO-BRITISH" HATS

A Belgian Correspondent writes:

"The German wireless from Brussels has issued a warning to Belgian girls who, to show their pro-British feelings, are now wearing little hats with a resemblance to the forage cap of the English and Scottish soldiers. To judge by the announcer's tone these little hats annoy the Germans intensely. With a ponderous earnestness he tried to prove that the new fashion was ridiculous, even when followed by a pretty woman, and in the name of German taste he severely condemned all the other sartorial fantasies inspired by British uniform which have been popular for some time in Brussels."

'STOCKING' DEATH CHARGE

Reginald Guy Strange (24), of Raleigh Street, Plymouth, was remanded at Plymouth charged with the murder of Beatrice Loveday Brown, 23, of the same address. Brown was found strangled by a stocking in the bedroom at her flat late at night.

PRIEST PRAYS FOR KILLER -- HANDS HIM OVER

AMERICA'S MOST "wanted" gangster, Vito Gurino, chief executioner of "Murder Incorporated," the Brooklyn gang who sold sudden death at cut-rate prices, stumbled, trembling and terror-stricken, into a New York church.

IMPROVING TELEPHONES IN RAIDS

Chiefs of the Post Office and representatives of the Staff Associations are trying to work out ways of improving services during air-raid warnings.

They are particularly concerned about mails, trunk calls, and telephoned telegrams.

Letters are arriving late and while an air raid warning operates trunk calls are almost unobtainable and "Telegrams" cannot be contacted at all.

Watchers Likely

One likely consequence is that post offices throughout the country will appoint roof-top watchers and carry on as normally after the sirens have sounded until danger draws near.

"There has been no great complaint about the mails," an official said.

The principal difficulty about trunk calls is that so many lines have to be taken over by the authorities as soon as sirens sound.

"Many of the exchanges are placed on top floors with glass roofs over them, and we cannot very well expect girls to continue working in them if there should be danger near."

His screams rent the hush as he implored protection from the priest he saw across the silent nave.

Three killers, he said, had tracked him down . . .

The Rev. William Rinschler walked down an aisle, crossed to the cowering man, who is known to have committed at least seven murders.

A Prayer

He talked quietly to him for some time, then knelt and prayed for him.

After this Father Rinschler turned him over to the police.

Gurino was charged with the cold-blooded killing of two plasterer's helpers as they lay sleeping in their beds.

Detectives said he was the chief trigger-man and official executioner for the Brooklyn gang, who carried out murders for prices as low as 25s. per execution.

Gurino whined and pleaded for mercy.

"I was never a rat in my life, but they're out to get me. They're afraid I'll squeal," he said.

"They are believed to be the chiefs of the gang which employed him."

Gurino, says the police, used considerable cunning in his job. He always chose a moment when his victim was asleep or helpless.

A few weeks ago Gurino's wife was charged with providing a red-tattered hat, blouse and skirt in which he masqueraded to kill two Sicilians in Brooklyn last year. She was released owing to insufficient evidence.

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HITLER'S CHOICE

If the Germans do not come to us, we shall go to them, declared Lord Croft in a speech to Australian troops in England on Thursday. Only with the fullest confidence in security at home could that challenge be offered. We have not reduced in a few months the long leeway of the years which should have compelled us more strenuously to prepare. But the goal is in sight. Given the whole Empire's unsparing effort, our ultimate victory is assured, and in the winning of this confidence the Royal Air Force has most gloriously led the way.

Those visions of the coming offensive which Mr. Churchill and Lord Croft have conjured up, with all due caution, are a stimulus to redoubled efforts. If ever there were need for every ounce of strength and the concentration of resolute purpose, it is now. Nazi domination of Europe is almost complete. But it still falls short of consummation, and will soon be tested by two redoubtable foes—winter, and the extending British air offensive against the seats of the enemy's power. While the German air force has been breaking itself against the "small island," the R.A.F. has hammered relentlessly each night at the enemy's nerve-centres, and from the North Sea to the Adriatic the front of its studied forays is being steadily enlarged. Britain's dauntless night-riders are the harbingers of the decisive blows to come, and they are enforcing that conviction not only upon the enemy, through the wrecking of his war-factories and the consternation of his people, but also upon those awaiting deliverance from the Nazi yoke and free peoples in the world at large.

TRIAL BY POETRY

The lyrical testator who left a will in rhyme, the other day, created a precedent which, if generally adapted to legal procedure, might have a cheering effect upon all concerned. The administration of justice, no less than the interpretation of the law, can well afford to be relieved of some of the gloom that enshrouds it, sporadic jokes from the Bench notwithstanding. Without precisely following the lines of that hilarious breach of promise action in Gilbert's "Trial

His name is Melbourne Johns and he comes from Pembroke-shire; a short, burly, square-shouldered man, with an immense head and jutting jaw, uncannily like a bulldog.

He is foreman in an armament factory "somewhere in the Midlands," a factory which until recently was subsidiary to a larger one in South-west France.

When the French firm got delivery from America of certain important machine tools, and had difficulty in assembling them, it was natural that "Mel" Johns should be sent across the Channel to advise, for in the two countries there are few men with a greater knowledge of all types of machinery.

"Come back when the job's done," they said, as they packed him into the R.A.F. aeroplane that was flying him to the coast of France. He reached his destination after a further flight and there he remained for several weeks. Then suddenly Hitler burst through the Allied ramparts. Great armies rolled back in headlong retreat upon Paris and beyond. A sea of refugees engulfed the towns and villages, a torrent of humans, horses, cattle, and machines. Into this dark tide disappeared "Mel" Johns.

The last British troops reached England. The last refugees from Bordeaux were brought off. Then while the people of his Midland home were reading the fearful and agonising story of the final evacuation from Europe an Army lorry rumbled into the factory yard. In the driver's cab sat "Mel" Johns.

Loaded on that lorry were the machines which he had gone out to inspect; each the size of a baby grand piano, each worth £4,000, all invaluable in the manufacturing of arms, and all irreparable under eight to ten months.

From under the nose of the enemy, in the middle of all the confusion and chaos of the German advance through France, this sturdy British workman had snatched his precious tools and brought them safely home. That was "the job" he did; a job ten times the size of the one he was

by Jury," wherein the presiding Judge not only flirted openly with the plaintiff but confessed that his law was "fudge," the courts could at least be made brighter by a judicious infusion of poesy. Pleadings and judgments, for example, prepared in metric form, would have an enhanced interest and attract the critical attention of a public more responsive to aesthetic efforts than to the jargon of legal orthodoxy. By the same token, counsel might do worse than address sonnets to the jury, who would hardly be so churlish as to refrain from announcing a verdict in heroic couplets. And who (to allude to a more mundane matter) would deny that a summons or a subpoena couched in blank verse would not be more agreeably suggestive than one that merely commands and threatens in redundant prose? If it be true that music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, poetry, which is the music of language, might prove equally effective as a balm to those who move professionally and otherwise in the sombre shadow of the law.

After all, it is no great step from a rhymed will to a will to rhyme.

sent out to do, though he doesn't see it that way.

"I only did what anyone else would have done, and I had a lot of luck," he'll tell you in real embarrassment.

But his luck was the result of enterprise, and the story of those salvaged machines is, as an illustration of individual resourcefulness and courage, in the nature of a saga.

Portrait Of A British Foreman

found an Air-marshal who was flying South in a specially chartered taxi-plane.

"Red tape and red tabs mean nothing to "Mel" Johns. So—after a bit of talking, he said I could come too."

Big man and little man flew off together, and that's how Johns got to his factory. Almost on arrival he was handed a telegram from the English firm telling him to return at once in view of the gravity of the news.

"I knew I could get back all right in one of the R.A.F. aeroplanes. But it seemed a terrible pity to leave the tools behind," he said reflectively.

"The men at the factory—they were all French—had decided to pack up. They had a fleet of lorries standing by to take away their own machinery, but they said they couldn't spare one for me."

So off he went into the highways and byways behind the factory to look for help. And drawn up by the side of the road he found an Army lorry manned by four exhausted Tommies.

They were lost. They had been driving south and further south for the better part of a week, without sleep, without food for hours at a time, trying unsuccessfully to rejoin the unit from which they had got separated.

"That lorry was just what I needed for my machines," Johns told me. "So I talked the boys into coming along with the me. They

transport was worse because the roads were blocked by endless streams of population in flight.

Johns couldn't get a lift "because I can't speak French and anyway there wasn't room in any of the cars," he told me. So he hung around the airfield until he

This is what correspondents of American journals, writing from Great Britain, have told their readers:

Miss Helen P. Kirkpatrick, of the Chicago "Daily News," from a British Naval port, says:

"If what the Germans have done to this highly important naval port is any criterion of German ability to knock-out this country, it could safely be said that Britain is good for at least another century."

"And this spot is one which the Germans claimed to have left in a wrecked and devastated condition and which has even been the subject of rumours in London. These never admitted devastation, but it was said the port had had pretty hard blows."

Your correspondent covered the whole port thoroughly, and is able to report exactly what damage has been done. After 50 bombs, during only five of which bombs were dropped on the town and naval base, it would be difficult to know that there has been, or still is, a war, except for the usual signs, such as the balloons, the uniforms in the streets and the terrific activity in the dockyards.

All the bombs, with one exception, hit houses in the town. Some 600 have been damaged, most of them slightly. Three houses had direct hits, and are to-day a mere mass of rubble and debris, but others merely had windows blown out or pieces out of the roofs.

"As a matter of fact, 600 is the number of houses reported to local authorities by owners as having suffered, but a check-up which is proceeding indicates that the final figure will be much smaller."

"Nineteen people have been killed and half that number injured, almost all of them civilians. Where bombs did fall near a naval objective one landed in an apple tree and another on a football field. The nearest they have come to the most vital dockyards is about a quarter of a mile."

"Neither townspeople nor naval authorities seem particularly perturbed at the prospect that the

didn't much want to—thought their duty was to go looking for their unit. But I explained how important it was to get those machines back home so we could make more guns to beat the Jerrys with. And so they agreed to help."

They drove back to the factory, those four exhausted Tommies and the determined foreman. Between them they dismantled the machines and piled them on the lorry.

"Now drive like hell to Bordeaux—we've got to get there before it's dark," said Johns.



It was ninety miles to Bordeaux, but they stopped for nothing on the way. Johns sat in front with his hand on the driver's arm, shaking him when he threatened to fall asleep over the wheel.

"Three miles outside Bordeaux we met some French soldiers going out with guns to stop the Germans," he told me. "They were only three hours behind us, but that was the first time we realised it."

And so his resolve to get the machines away was strengthened by the need for haste.

Up to the portals of the British Consulate in Bordeaux dashed the Army lorry.

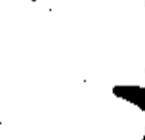
Up the stairs to the Consul's room rushed Johns, hunting the permit which would give him the right to sling the lorry and its freight on to which ship was due to sail immediately.

But the Consul was not there. There was an attache staff with red tape and responsibility, who guaranteed Johns's personal passage home but "regretted" about the machines.

It was then that this stocky little man went off the handle. Like the bull-dog he resembles, he tore at that official. He rant and he bullied.

"It worries me sometimes, to remember the names I called that man," he told me. "But it did the trick, all right."

The official gave way. Johns was given shipping space for his lorry, sailing permits for his four soldiers and himself, and a guide to take him to the quayside and a ship. There he and his tireless Tommies slung the lorry aboard and jumped after it is as the first Nazi aeroplanes appeared over the town.



It took them three days and nights to reach port on the west Coast of England. The ship was full of refugees; mostly women and children.

There were not enough lifebelts to go round, but there were a lot of civilians' cars on board. So Johns went down to the hold and removed the tyres from every car, blew up the inner tubes and handed them to everyone who had not got a life-belt.

Then he found a British officer in charge of a quantity of valuables.

"He didn't tell me what they were, and I didn't like to ask," he explained. "But rumour went that it was radium, plus the Belgian Crown jewels, said to be worth 25 millions, and the question arose as to how they could be saved if the ship got sunk."

"So I thought of a raft, and we made one from the planks that were lying around in the hold. We loaded the 'valuables' on to it on the lower deck. It was a lovely raft—it would have floated nicely if anything had happened."

But nothing did happen. And so his journey ended, and this indomitable man, with his travel-stained but jubilant soldiers, and his precious freight, drove his lorry off the ship at the English port and rattled up the road to his Midland home.



I saw him when he had come to London to see one of the directors of his firm. It was the first time he had left the factory since his return and he was impatient to get back. He knows—who better?—that those salvaged machines are immensely important for the building up of our defence, and he can hardly bear to leave them.

"They're single-purpose machines—wonderful job," he told me.

It's a nice combination. Single-purpose machines, handled by that single-purpose man.

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GAULT MACGOWAN, of the New York "Sun," says:—"The British reputation for under-statement should not be allowed to cloud our judgment,—there is no fear or panic. My impression is that Britons are at last finding their true selves again, like their great Elizabethan and Victorian ancestors."

JAMES MACDONALD, of the New York "Times," after being taken behind the scenes at a Royal Air Force Fighter Station, asserts:—"Newspaper men saw enough to convince them that British reports are about as correct as it is possible to make them. The feeling is growing that the Nazis are getting a beating and know it."

DANIEL A. CAMPBELL, United Press of America:—"If Hitler had some troops awaiting a chance to make a landing, the Royal Air Force mucked up the whole thing.

You have no idea what a bombardment those aeroplanes have put up. I am quite certain that it will be impossible for Hitler to invade Britain so long as the Royal Air Force can unload their stuff over there (in France)."

POSTSCRIPT.—An American reporter in England cabled to his newspaper in New York:—"It would be wrong to say that the German air raids on England have not affected the morale of the English people. They have. They have raised it!"

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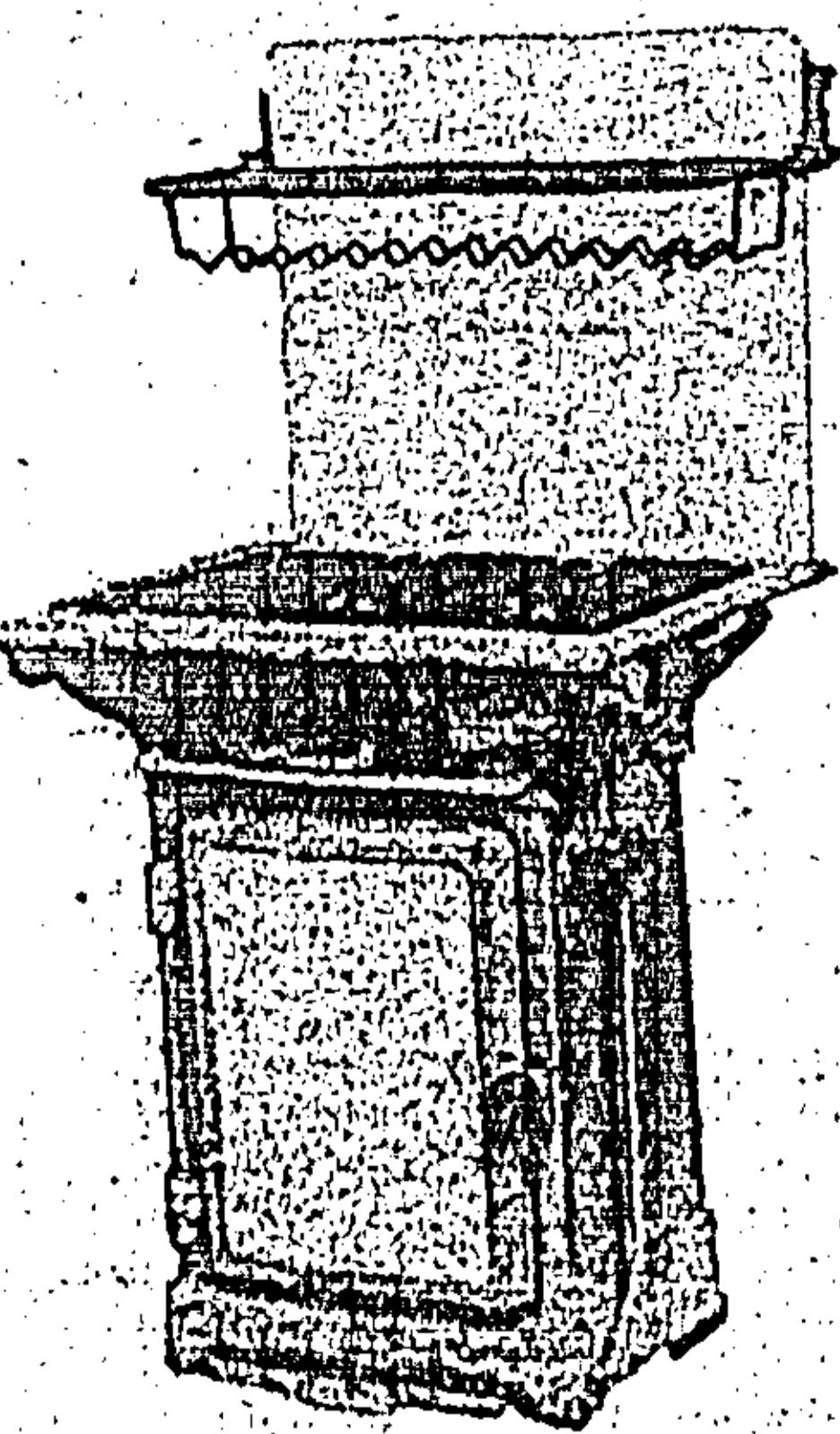
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CZECH AIRMEN FOUGHT WAY TO BRITAIN

WHEN LONDON had its greatest raid Czechoslovakia pilots in their Hurricanes brought down five of the enemy. This was far from being the first news we have had of successes won in the air by these valuable allies since their escape from France.

Two years ago, on the eve of Munich, Czechoslovakia had an Air Force of more than a thousand aircraft, bombers and fighters, 1,300 first-class pilots, and the necessary complement of trained gunners, observers, and wireless operators.

Apart from its admitted technical quality Czech aviation had an uncommonly wide basis of popular interest and support.

The many air pageants organised all over the country by the Masaryk Flying League were true popular festivals, attracting many thousands of peasants, workers, children, people of all classes, who gathered for them as they had gathered for fairs and pilgrimages in former days. Gliding was a sport of schoolboys and schoolgirls. were directly attached to the Czechoslovak Army.

Heavy Duties

The duties of these men were not light; France had no surplus of pilots, and when Germany made her attack in the early summer it often happened that the Czechoslovak pilots were on duty from three in the morning until eleven at night and were in the air three times in a day. They shot down about a hundred German aircraft, and many were decorated. On June 1 the French Government agreed with the Czech leaders on the formation of an independent Czechoslovak Air Force, which was to work under its own command and to meet the Germans in aircraft bearing the Czechoslovak markings. But the collapse of French resistance was already on the way.

The first that the Czechoslovak airmen knew of the armistice was that their machines were locked in the hangars by the French commands. Again, hardly any were able to fly their machines away; a few did manage to bring their machines to England, while others reached North Africa, and one bomber was heard of that flew across the breadth of Italy and landed in a Balkan country. For the majority, however, the question was how the men themselves could get away. Naturally the Czech authorities in London were doing what they could. On June 17 the British Air Ministry took over responsibility for the Czech airmen, and a message went out from President Benes, through the B.B.C.'s Czech broadcasts, telling them to make their way as best they could to England.

From France To England

How they came is a story as strange as that of their original escape from the Protectorate. Thirty-eight pilots came to England in one British bomber, which brought across the Channel a load of fifty men; the remainder were French and British. Some joined the Czechoslovak Army in its embarkation from the South of France. Many took ship to the North African ports which they had left as Foreign Legionaries, went on to Gibraltar, and came to England in British naval convoy. At Bordeaux two Czech air officers managed to charter a French ship, a cargo vessel usually sailing between Bordeaux and Saigon; 270 Czechoslovak soldiers and airmen sailed in that ship, ignoring German bombing attacks, the minefield with which German aircraft tried to block the mouth of the Gironde, and the threat of submarines. With them were 126 Czechoslovak women and other civilian refugees and a Polish artillery officers' school that had been established in France. When they were at sea an order was sent out to all French ships to return to home ports, but the captain and crew decided—not without influence from their passengers—to join General de Gaulle, sailed to Gibraltar, and joined a British convoy.

So the nucleus of the new Czechoslovak Air Force began to form on French soil. Old flying comrades were reunited; newcomers joined them, some escaping from the Protectorate, and some even crossing the Atlantic to take part in the fight. (More than 1,500,000 Czechs and Slovaks are settled in North America.) They were incorporated in the French squadrons, wearing French uniform, operating with strange and too often out-of-date machines. As early as the end of October, the first Czechoslovak pilots appeared on the Western Front. After a little time the Czechs and Slovaks formed between a sixth and a third of fifteen French squadrons, in addition to the Czech air units which

R.A.F. RESTORES BLIND MAN'S SIGHT

The Swedish Press reports that during a British raid on Western Germany a blind man was frightened and fell over, knocking the back of his head.

When he recovered in the morning he found that his sight had been restored.

TYPHOON AT WAKE ISLAND

Explaining the recent lengthy delay in the arrival of the Clipper at Hong Kong, Captain J. Chase, commanding the "California Clipper" which arrived in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon, gave a vivid account of the destruction and severe damage caused by the recent typhoon at the Pan American Airways base on Wake Island.

Captain Chase's plane remained in Honolulu for six days waiting for the storm to abate. However, after it had caused havoc at Wake, the storm curved eastward and passed over the Pan American base at Midway Island.

But by this time it had fortunately lost its previous intensity and the Midway Island damage was less severe, although all docks and floating equipment at Midway were lost in the sea.

Captain Chase said that Wake Island reported steady winds of 100 miles per hour velocity for a period of three hours with gusts up to 150 miles per hour. All barges, floats, and mooring equipment for the Clippers were completely lost.

Even one-half of a concrete dock was torn away. Most of the Pan American Airways buildings were de-roofed, many collapsed, and all radio towers, beacons, and poles were blown far over the Pacific. One-third of the Pan American Airways Hotel was de-roofed, exposing the rooms overnight.

In spite of the intensity of the storm, which incidentally is the first storm to mar the usual peaceful atmosphere at Wake since the establishment of the Pan American Airways base almost six years ago, and the great damage that this storm caused, none of the Pan American personnel were injured.

Story Of A Mattress

All Clippers flying to Wake now are carrying scores of technicians, carpenters, and repair men from Guam, Midway, and Honolulu to reconstruct the Wake buildings. Captain Chase related one amusing incident in which three Pan American Airways men were huddled in one of the buildings at Wake for protection when the roof was completely torn off by the wind.

The walls of the building began to shake and the men sought a hasty exit via the window. There was a heavy, sudden mattress which the men decided to throw out of the window to break their fall. The mattress was so heavy that it took all three men to lift it and force it out the window, yet as soon as the mattress was clear on the other side it went sailing through the air over the tops of nearby trees.

Pan American's Chief Meteorologist in Manila, Lester Fennell, also arrived in Hong Kong on the "California Clipper" on an inspection trip. He stated that the storm was one of the severest to be recorded on the Pan American weather maps for some time. This storm is believed to be the same one that gave the "President Coolidge" such a difficult time.

WITH THE R.A.F. BOMBERS ON A RAID

NEUTRALS WHO, WITH the competing claims of the belligerents before them, may be inclined to doubt whether our bombing raids on Germany and Italy are always quite as effective as the Air Ministry reports, would doubt no more if they could see for themselves the skill and care with which every raid is planned and carried out.

The public sees only the somewhat bald official announcement that aircraft of the Bomber Command have successfully attacked a military objective in one of the enemy countries, but behind it lies a history of scrupulous preparation, of dogged determination in highly trained crews to carry out the difficult and dangerous tasks allotted to them, and of the use of every known scientific means to help the aircraft get safely to and from the targets.

There is nothing haphazard about these raids. Each is planned with the utmost care some time in advance. For days before the bombers start, experts are busy getting together all the available data about the objective. Large-scale maps are studied, photographs and plans are brought out, and each navigator is equipped with a special chart showing even the smallest details of the factory, aerodrome, power-station, railway, or canal to which he must find his way.

The Plans Outlined

On the day of the raid the giant bombers are serviced and overhauled, rather like horses being prepared for an important race. Every part is examined, from the electrically operated machinery, the engines and fabric, to the internal telephones, bomb releases, and guns. Then the bombs are loaded into the racks, petrol tanks filled, guns armed, and the aircraft are dispersed on the aerodrome, under armed guard, to await the time of departure.

Meteorological experts having supplied the reports which tell the crews what sort of weather they are likely to experience, everything is ready for the "briefing," which forms an indispensable part of every bombing raid. Towards tea-time the pilots, navigators, wireless operators, and air gunners, fresh from a good sleep, begin to file into a large room fitted out very much like the lecture hall of a technical institute. Usually there is a white screen and a projector, and always a blackboard.

Each navigator as he enters is handed an accurate chart showing him the contours of the country in the area of the target, together with a detailed plan of the objective itself.

What follows is a very informal affair. Officers and men sit around in easy chairs, smoking pipes or cigarettes, while the station commander and the intelligence officer give them a great deal of useful information about reaching their target and about the site they are to attack.

Risks To Be Avoided

The crews listen intently and make notes. It is difficult to realise that these calm young men are being "briefed" for a dangerous task. There is no trace of doubt that they will have bombed this aerodrome or power-station and be back again before dawn. Photographs and plans of the target are shown on the screen while the intelligence officer points out the vulnerable spots to be bombed. He tells the crews what most of them know already — the dangerous, well-defended areas to be avoided on the outward flight over Germany or enemy-occupied territory. Then come details of the known defences in the target area. No attempt is made to minimise the dangers; if there are strong anti-aircraft batteries or balloon barrages the men are told so plainly, but they are also shown the best way through them.

"The Flak (anti-aircraft) and searchlights are pretty heavy to the north," says the intelligence officer. "Attack from the south-east to north-west. There are 13 high chimneys on this factory, so you can't miss it. Here are the vulnerable spots (indicating the points on the screen). Make

announces the operations officer. The group captain nods. This is inevitable at times, however good the engines. A mark is put on the blackboard beside "D" for Donald's name. A couple of hours later "D's" engines can be heard in the distance; he asks for permission to land, and, having got it, he comes down. After a time he enters the room, reports to the intelligence officer on the engine trouble, and disappears again. Meanwhile news is coming through of the other raiders. "J," of Y squadron, flashes the message "Off target at 01.21." He can be identified by his call-sign. One of the ground staff records the time on the blackboard.

All through the night the receivers keep up their whining. At intervals news comes through, until something has been heard from most of the bombers. The station commander glances at the clock. "No news of F" of X squadron yet?" he asks. His voice betrays a slight anxiety. As though to reassure himself he adds, "He never wants to leave it."

Sometimes the message tells of failure to locate the objective; more often it announces briefly, "Target bombed," and gives the time. If the primary objective cannot be found the bomber will try to locate the alternative. Sometimes a Morse message brings news of tragedy. "S.O.S. from G sir," says the operations officer quietly; "been hit by Flak." The damaged aircraft continues to report its progress for some time, and then there is silence. Its position is worked out on a large-scale map of Europe spread on the table and a flag is stuck into the appropriate spot. The men discuss in undertones the possibility of "G" having baled out and got down safely. "Last heard 02.37" is chalked on the blackboard beside his name.

Speeding Home

Time drags badly. Somewhere in the expanse of darkness outside the operations room 20 or 30 bombers are speeding home. By now they are over the sea. Requests for a "fix" (a location point) come through from the aircraft, and surely and methodically they are guided home. "P" reports that he has been hit and his undercarriage may be damaged. Telephone calls are put through to the casualty crew to stand by, and the control tower men are told that "P" is to be given preference when he comes in to land. One by one the bombers approach their aerodrome, get permission to land, and come floating down like giant gulls. The station commander goes out to see "P" alight. His undercarriage comes down after all and he makes a perfect landing.

One after another the crews troop into the operations room to make their reports. They look tired but contented; most of them have had a successful night. They answer carefully the questions of the intelligence officer. It is a friendly but thorough "third degree." The men describe how they found the target and where they saw their bombs explode.

The intelligence officer knows everything about the target from a long and careful study of all the data. This enables him to assess the accuracy of the crews' reports.

They report things which they saw on the way out and on the journey back — ships, signals, lights, and guides to future targets. Then the crews go off to breakfast, and the intelligence officer sits the information, assesses the damage, builds up a complete picture of the raid, and prepares his report for the Air Ministry.

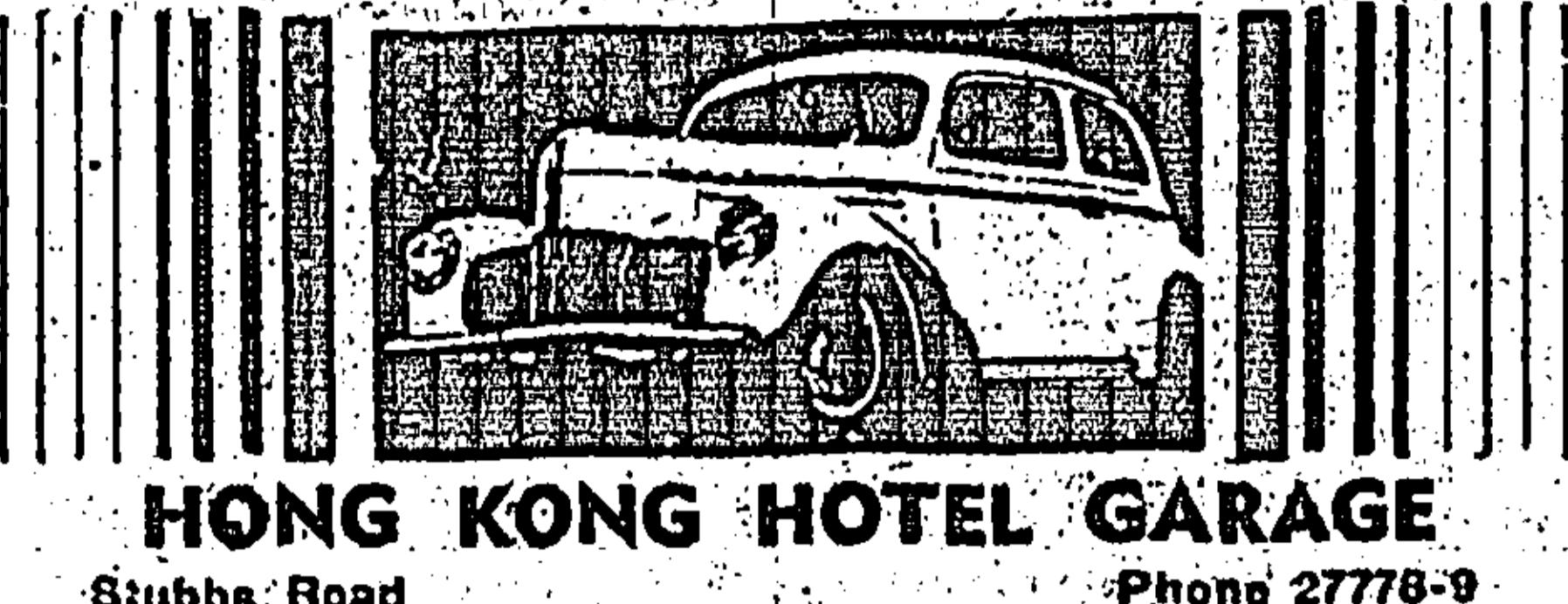
To-morrow the world will read that the R.A.F. has bombed such and such a target. The crews will read this modest statement of their activities with quiet satisfaction. The task which they had been allotted has been successfully carried out, and next day their colleagues will be doing a similar job with equal success.

"Just In Case"

Just before midnight the operations officers come back and the station commander strolls in. He says that he has decided to stay up "just in case anything goes wrong." Actually he does this every night his men are operating, although he will be on duty in the morning. In the adjoining room trained men are interpreting the splutters of complicated wireless sets. They listen for news of their bombers and frequently pick up Morse calls from aircraft belonging to another station. Presently one of the operators writes something on a slip of paper which a messenger loses no time in taking into the "ops" room. "D" for Donald, of X squadron, is turning back with engine trouble, sir,

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(Sgd.) J. RING,
Assessor.

31st October, 1940.

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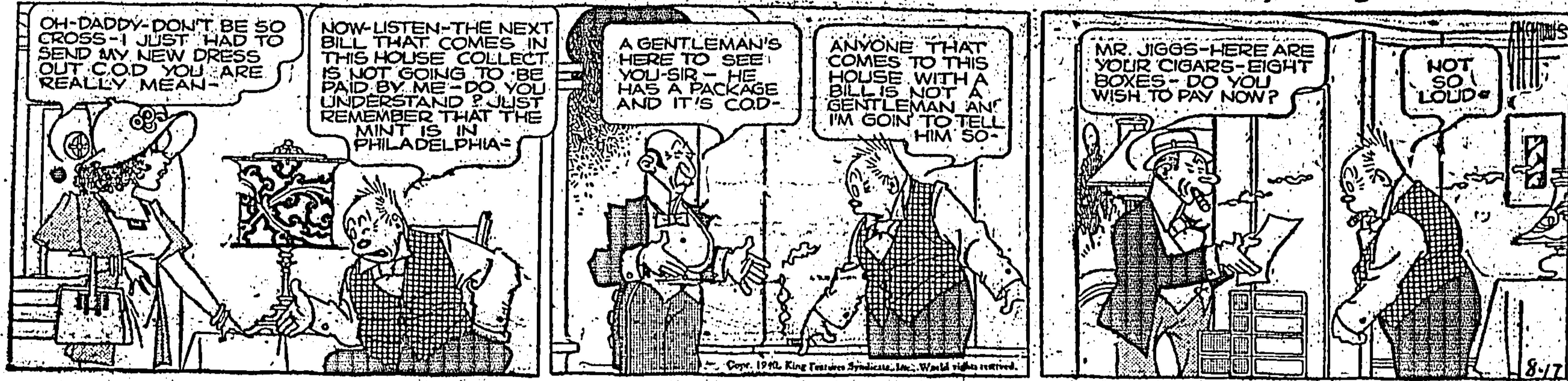
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Bringing Up Father



By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN For The Quiet Wedding

Perhaps you are one of those who think of having a "quiet" wedding as an economy measure during wartime.

Having decided on this, you must restrict the number of invitations. For if you invite all and sundry, you will end up with a muddled affair that is neither one thing nor the other. So first of all the guests must be limited to intimate friends and relations.

Proper printed invitations may be sent out, but it is quite in order to let it take the form of an informal note to your intimate friends.

The most suitable attire is a becoming afternoon dress, slightly on the picturesque side with a matching hat, or perhaps headgear that is midway between a hat and a halo.

Of course, the bride may carry flowers, but not the customary bridal bouquet. Lilies and trailing

ribbons are out of place. It should be something simpler, or better still a spray of roses or orchids should be pinned to the dress.

If the bride wears a going away suit or a three-piece suit or anything in the tailored line, bouquets are definitely taboo. The flowers must be in the form of a spray worn on the coat.

A bride in an afternoon dress may have a bridesmaid, or even two if they are children. They too must wear simple afternoon dresses with hats rather than wreaths.

What of the reception? It presumably will be small enough to be held at the bride's home. There should be a wedding cake, and light buffet refreshment—anything that can be eaten with a fork or fingers.

Beyond the single toast of the bride and bridegroom, there need be no formal speeches. And to the toast the bridegroom need re-

ply only with a few words. In this way you dispense with all the elaborate formality that goes with a "white" wedding.

The quietest of all weddings is that which is timed to take place early—say about 9 a.m. after which the bridal pair go straight away. It is also correct to have it a little later, followed by a homely luncheon attended only by the relatives.

Supposing the ceremony takes place at the Registrar's office, then the bride wears afternoon dress or three-piece suit. There are no bouquets, bridesmaid or best man, and as space is generally limited, there are few guests.

Where the bride goes straight away from the church, it is a happy idea to have a cocktail party the day before the ceremony. Nothing substantial need be provided in the way of "eats." They should be of the "nibble" variety—potato crisps, salted almonds, little sausages on sticks.

But let's get back to the bride. Her preparations should be completely well in advance: a new perm in good time, hair shampooed and set a day or two before the wedding day so that it has time to settle down and take on a soft natural appearance.

Give extra attention to skin and hands for some weeks before. At night time use a cleansing cream or a lotion, and devote five minutes to a simple massage with feeding cream. Once a week a mask treatment will be beneficial.

See that your hands and nails are looking their best, because that new wedding ring is going to draw attention to them, and it will take the edge off your pride if the nails are broken and the hands look neglected.

Choose a dainty, delicate tint of nail varnish rather than an exotic starting shade.

Unless circumstances force you to a very early ceremony, choose a time that will allow you to make a leisurely preparation for the ceremony. Have a bath that is fragrant with bath salts and linger in it. Follow it with an eau-de-Cologne friction to make you feel good and give your skin that lingering aroma of freshness that only eau-de-Cologne imparts. It also helps to keep you cool during the ceremony.

For the same reason you will have used a perspiration control that you know is effective.

Choose your make-up carefully. Let it be simple and natural rather than smart and startling.

Most brides tend to be a little pale with excitement, and so a natural make-up looks more becoming.

ozs. cheese, pepper and salt.

Remove the centre from baked potatoes, mix with grated cheese, salt and pepper. Put the mixture in the potatoes, make hot and serve.

Cheese Balls. A savoury for six people.

Ingredients: 3 ozs. cheese, 2 ozs. flour, ½ oz. butter, 1 egg, ¼ pt. tepid water, 1 teaspoonful mustard, salt and cayenne.

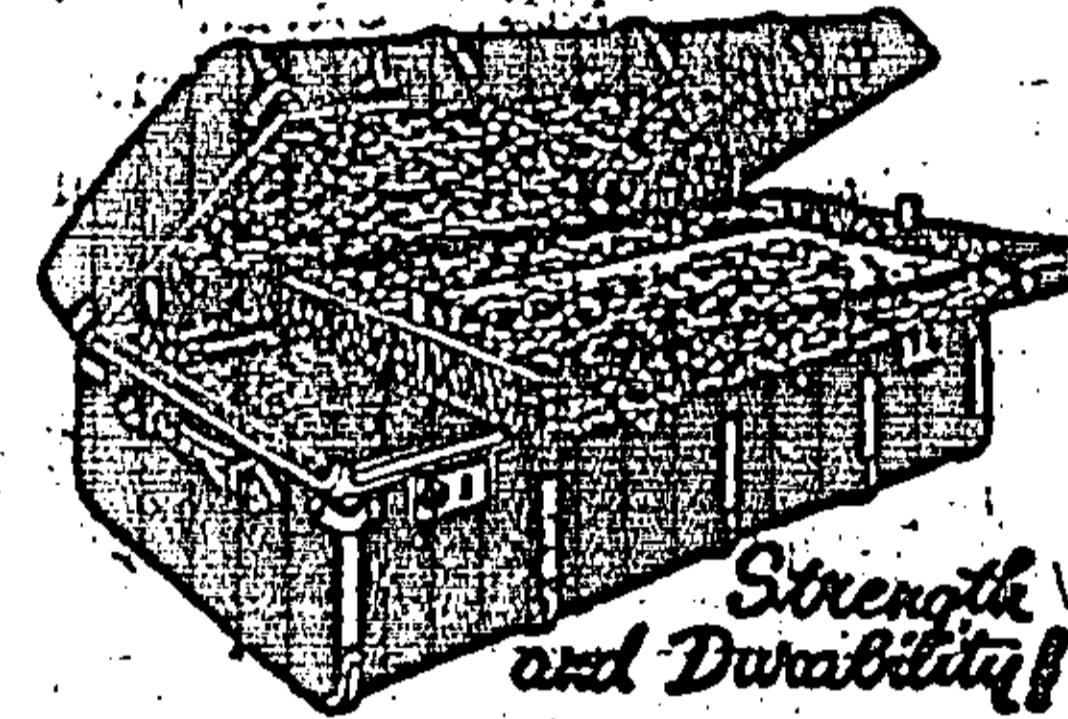
Mix the flour and mustard, salt and cayenne, separate the yolk from the white of egg, mix it into the flour with the melted margarine; add the grated cheese a little at a time, and the whipped white of egg.

Mix all to a smooth batter. Drop

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a teaspoonful of the mixture into hot fat and fry.

Cheese Cakes. Make a curd by adding a few drops of rennet to 1 pt. hot milk. Press the whey from the curd. Mix with the curd three eggs, 3 ratafia biscuits, 4 table spoonsful cream, 2 ozs. sugar and a few drops of lemon juice, pound in a bowl with a wooden spoon, and press the curd in a clean cloth to absorb the moisture.

Grate the cheese and put into a basin. Beat the egg and mix with the other ingredients. Melt some margarine in a frying pan, and press the curd in a clean cloth to absorb the moisture.

Line six party tins with puff paste, fill up with the cheese cus-

tom, brown, drain, and serve hot.

Cheese Pudding. Wholesome and tasty.

Ingredients: — 1 teaspoonful breadcrumbs, 2 ozs. grated cheese, 1½ teaspoonsful of milk, 1 egg, ½ oz. margarine, ½ teaspoonful mustard, salt and pepper to taste.

Bring the milk to the boil, add margarine and pour the bread-crumb mixture. Add cheese, yolk of egg well beaten, mustard, salt and pepper, and mix all together. Add stiffly whisked white of egg. Pour into a buttered pie dish and bake for 25 minutes in moderate oven.

Macaroni Cheese. Always a good choice.

Ingredients: — ½ lb. macaroni, 1 oz. butter, 6 ozs. grated cheese, 1 small teaspoonful of milk, 1 oz. flour, 1 teaspoonful made mustard, pepper and salt.

Break the macaroni into short pieces, put into a pan of boiling salted water and cook till tender (about 20 minutes). Drain but save a cupful of the water.

Melt the butter in a pan, mix in the flour smoothly, cook for a few moments, add the macaroni, water and the milk gradually, stirring all the time, and simmer for 10 minutes. The sauce should be on the thick side.

Stir in half the cheese and the macaroni. Add mustard and salt and pepper to taste. Pour into a pie-dish, put the rest of the cheese on top, brown under the grill.

Cheese and Lentil Savoury. Here you have two ingredients that are full of nutriment.

Cauliflower Cheese. Tasty and quickly made.

Ingredients: — 1 medium sized cauliflower, 4 ozs. grated cheese, ¾ pt. white sauce, pepper and salt.

Cook the cauliflower. Arrange in a pie dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add half the cheese to the sauce, heat up and sprinkle over the cauliflower. Sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top and brown under the grill.

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Cauliflower Cheese. Tasty and quickly made.

Ingredients: — 1 medium sized cauliflower, 4 ozs. grated cheese, ¾ pt. white sauce, pepper and salt.

Cook the cauliflower. Arrange in a pie dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add half the cheese to the sauce, heat up and sprinkle over the cauliflower. Sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top and brown under the grill.

White Sauce. 1 oz. margarine, 0z flour, ½ pt. milk, salt and pepper to taste.

Melt the butter in a saucepan, boil slightly, then mix the flour in smoothly. Simmer for a minute or two so that the flour can swell in the butter (important), but do not let it brown.

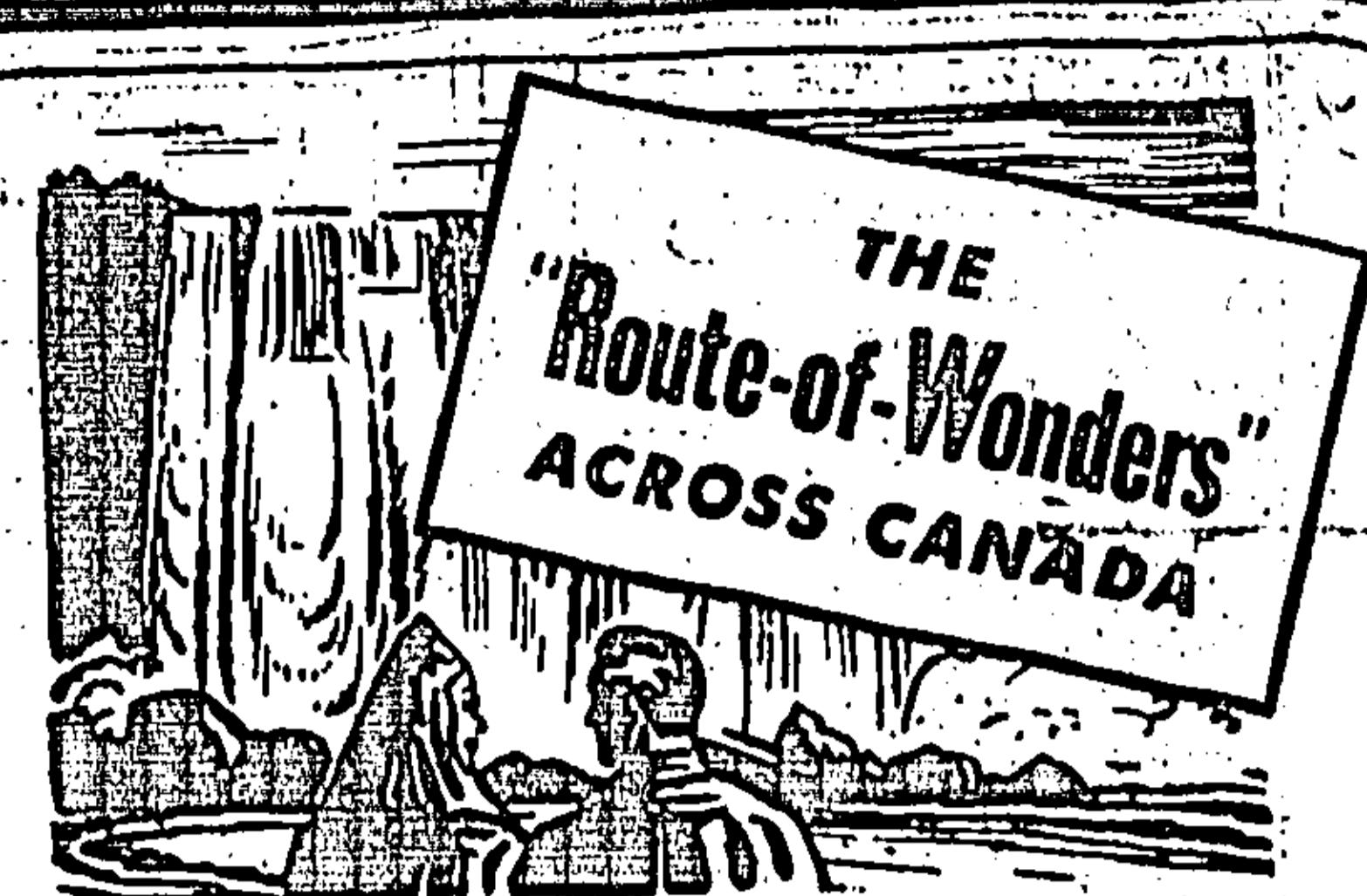
Heat the milk and add it to the flour very gradually, stirring all the time with a wooden spoon.

Season with salt and pepper and simmer for at least 10 minutes, stirring carefully.

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Boiled Potatoes. — 2 lbs. potatoes, 4



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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Trio in D Minor, Op. 49.
1st Mov: Molto allegro agitato; 2nd Mov: Andante con moto tranquillo; 3rd Mov: Scherzo; 4th Mov: Finale ... Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.
1.03 p.m.—Dorothy Lamour in Variety.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Mantovani & His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Brahms—Double Concerto in A Minor, Op. 102.
1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Vivace non troppo.... Jacques Thibaud (Violin), Pablo Casals ("Cello) and The Pablo Casals Orchestra, Barcelona.
6.33 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.35 p.m.—Schumann—Etudes Symphoniques, Alfred Cortot (Piano).
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.
7.30 p.m.—Compositions of Ravel, Tzigane—Rhapsodie de Concert... M. Z. Francescatti (Violin) with Piano accomp.
Two Songs for Unaccompanied Mixed Choir—(i) Niccolotti; (ii) Ronde... The Lyons Mixed Chorus.
Bolero... The Lamoureux Orchestra of Paris cond. by Maurice Ravel.
8.03 p.m.—Raid da Costa at the Piano.
8.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.
9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Flying High" Part 2, Written and arranged by Alan Rusell and Charles Brower.
9.50 p.m.—Aldershot Command Searchlight Tattoo, 1930. Massed Band of the Aldershot & Eastern Commands.
10.15 p.m.—Vincent Wallace's Opera "Marietta".
10.30 p.m.—Short Programme by Ricardo Vines (Piano) and Lionel Tertis (Viola).
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11.30 p.m.—Variety.

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H.K., Friday, 1st Nov., 1940.

Recruits' Medical Examination.

There will be no medical examination on Fri. 8th Nov.

Efficiency Medal:

Extract from Government Gazette No. 57 of the 25.10.40.

"No. 1180—In accordance with regulation 8 of the Regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters concerning The Efficiency Medal in regard to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, published as Notification No. 579 in the Gazette of 2nd August, 1935, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to authorise the following award—

Efficiency Medal:

Corporal Reinaldo Augusto Campos.

Corporal Jose Maria Xavier.

Private Cyril Lionel Gregory.

23rd October, 1940.

Qualifications—Corps Artillery D.R.F.—3rd Battery

Gnr. P. H. Ma, Gnr. S. H. Ma, Gnr. B. A. Marcal, Gnr. G. S. Edwards.

Layers—1st Battery

Gnr. G. W. Arnold, Gnr. K. W. Pedersen.

2nd Battery—Gnr. G. R. Ross, Gnr. R. H. Blake, Gnr. H. N. Williamson, Gnr. A. Mabb.

3rd Battery—L/Bdr. A. C. Xavier, Gnr. K. L. Chan, Gnr. F. T. Wong, Gnr. A. H. Bakar, Gnr. H. A. Nanak, Gnr. S. Bux, Gnr. Y. W. Yeung.

4th Battery—L/Bdr. J. Lee, Gnr. L. L. Rocha, Gnr. P. W. Lam, Gnr. M. C. Kwok, Gnr. W. S. F. Chang, Gnr. A. J. L. Rocha, Gnr. F. T. Chung.

Gas Course

Tues. 5th Nov. and Thurs. 7th Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Lecture by Captain V. C. Branson, M.C.

First Aid Course

Fri. 8th Nov. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Those detailed. Lecture by Captain F. Bunje, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Parades—Corps Artillery Dress For Other Ranks, C. D. Btys.

As usual. Trouser, greatcoat and cardigans to be carried: also plate, fork, spoon and mug. Lecture

Sun. 3rd Nov. H.Q. 9.30 a.m. By Major Ryan, R.A. Subject "The Theory of Depression Range Finding." All Officers and D.R.F. Detachments will attend and any others interested.

Corps Artillery—1st Battery.

Thurs. 7th Nov. No parade.

Mon. 11th Nov. H.Q. 8 a.m. for week's camp at D'Aguilar. Dress as above. Gas masks to be taken.

2nd Battery

Tues. 5th Nov. H.Q. 8 a.m. for Bluff Head. Gas masks to be drawn.

Thurs. 7th Nov. Belchers, 5.30 p.m. Gun drill, breech mechanism laying practice and dummy loader. Dress—Mufti. Overalls and S.D. caps to be carried.

Sun. 10th Nov. Kowloon City Range, 9 a.m. Classification shoot. Dress—S. D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots, web belt.

Mon. 18th Nov. H.Q. 8 a.m. for week's camp at Bluff Head.

3rd Battery

Thurs. 7th Nov. No parade.

Mon. 11th Nov. H.Q. 8 a.m. for week's camp at Aberdeen. Dress as above. Gas masks to be taken.

4th Battery

Tues. 5th Nov. H.Q. 8 a.m. for Pak Sha Wan.

Thurs. 7th Nov. D.E.L. School, 5.30 p.m. for D.E.L. Recruits.

Tues. 12th Nov. No parade.

Mon. 18th Nov. H.Q. 8 a.m. for week's camp at Pak Sha Wan.

5th A.A. Battery

Tues. 5th Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Course. No. 2 Section. Dress—Mufti.

Fri. 8th Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Course. No. 1 Section. Dress—Mufti.

Field Company Engineers

Mon. 4th Nov. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Anti-gas drill. Kit inspection for all who were absent from the parade on 31st Oct.

Tours. 7th Nov. K.C.R. 8.30 a.m. Practical Technical work in N.T. Dress—Jacket, shorts, boots, hose-tops, puttees and cap. S.D. Jack-knives and pliers must be carried.

Corps Signals

Dress—Unless otherwise ordered, S.D. caps will be worn as from 1st Nov.

Mon. 4th Nov. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. (i) A Class—Lamp reading from Peak. (ii) B Class—Buzzer practice.

Wed. 6th Nov. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) Line Section—Arms drill. (ii) D/R Section—Classification Buzzer work. (iii) Evening parade—Lamp reading from Peak.

Fri. 8th Nov. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) A Class—Field signalling exercise. (ii) B Class—Classification Buzzer work. (iii) Evening parade—A Class. Buzzer work. B Class. Lamp reading.

Mobile Column.

Sun. 3rd Nov. Stonecutters, M.G. Part II. All ranks. Launch leaves Hong Kong 8.15 a.m. and Kowloon 8.30 a.m. Dress—Mufti. Wed. 6th Nov.

All Platoons—Hung Hom. 8 a.m. Technical training. Dress—Nos. 1 and 2 (Armd. C.) Pl. Battle Order. Overalls. Remainder—Battle Order less steel helmets. Toepees will be worn.

Nos. 1 & 2. (Armd. C.) Pl.—Vehicle Party as detailed. Hung Hom. 7.15 a.m.

MOBILE COLUMN

Wed. 6th Nov. Nos. 3, 4 & 5 (M.M.G.) Pl.

Duties—Ord. Sgt.—Cpl. K. Mitchell Parade at Hung Hom at 7.30 a.m.

Ord. Cpl.—L/Cpl. C. McC. Beattie Parade at Hung Hom at 7.30 a.m.

Duty Section—No. 6 Parade at Hung Hom at 7.30 a.m.

Fri. 8th Nov.

Nos. 1 & 2 (Armd. C.) Pl. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. L. G. instruction. Remainder. Indication and recognition.

Nos. 3, 4 & 5 (M.M.G.) Pl.

Hung Hom. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed for Bren Carrier. Driving instruction.

H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Remainder. Rifle drill.

No. 6 Platoon

H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. training.

NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 4th Nov. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Left Section under Lt. Balean. This week's training will take place at H.Q.

Dress—As for usual all day training.

Personnel detailed for the Battery Camps beginning 11th Nov. will parade on dates and times as found under Battery Orders.

PAY SECTION

Wed. 6th Nov. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Dress—Mufti.

Fri. 8th Nov. Garrison School.

2.15 p.m. Dress—K.D. jacket, shorts, stockings, shoes, S.D. cap. Belt.

FORTRRESS SIGNAL COMPANY

Mon. 4th Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Lesson No. 9.

Fri. 8th Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Lesson No. 13.

Those detailed for Gas Course

will attend on Tues. and Thurs.

and those for First Aid on Fri.

APPOINTMENTS &

PROMOTIONS

3650, Bdr. J. T. Dupuy, 5th A.A. Bty. to be Sgt. 29.10.40.

4186, L/Bdr. T.V.N. Fortescue,

5th A.A. Bty. to be Bdr. 29.10.40.

1883, L/Cpl. S. Wolfe, A. S. C. Coy. to be A/Sgt. 1.1.40.

DR215, Pte. N. B. White, A. S. C. Coy. to be A/Cpl. 1.1.40.

TRANSFER

4082, Pte. L. A. R. Remedios, No. 5 Coy. to 3rd Bty. 1.1.40.

LEAVE

4052, L/Cpl. W. J. Brown, A. S. C. Coy. 23.10.40-22.11.40.

4277, Gnr. K. C. Kwok, 4th Bty. 25.10.40-15.11.40.

3385, Gnr. H. E. Williamson, 2nd Bty. 27.10.40-26.11.40.

4502, Pte. V. I. Zaharoff, A. S. C. Coy. 31.10.40-20.11.40.

1778, Cpl. S. A. Fowler, Mob. Coln. 2.11.40-1.8.41.

Major, J. Durran, Res. of Offrs. 30.11.40-30.2.41.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

3268, Sgt. J. L. C. Pearce, 5th A.A. Bty. 9.9.40.

4215, Pte. Leung Yee Tak, Fd. Amb. 2.10.40.

2896, Pte. Luk Shiu Kau, No. 4 Coy. 16.10.40.

4421, Gnr. J. K. Birt, 5th A.A. Bty. 21.10.40.

2388, Pte. P. Conolly, Mob. Coln. 23.10.40.

4293, Gnr. S. L. Chan, 4th Bty. 24.10.40.

4444, Pte. Nawab Khan, Special Guard Coy. 20.10.40.

Classes 1 and 2. Lecture. Remainder. L.G. instruction:

Wed. 6th Nov. H.Q. 8.15 a.m. All day training. Dress—Battle Order. S.D. cap will be worn.

Fri. 8th Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Classes 1 and 2 Lecture. Remainder. L.G. instruction: NO. 5 COMPANY

Mon. 4th Nov. H.Q. 8 a.m. Dress—Fighting Order. Shirt sleeves. All ranks will draw rifles and bayonets.

Tues. 5th Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) N.C.O.'s and prospective N.C.O.'s. Foot drill. (ii) L. G. Sections. Probable stoppages. (iii) Remainer. Fire orders including Indication & Recognition of targets.

Thurs. 7th Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Class. Preparation for Night firing.

Those detailed will attend Gas and First Aid Courses on dates stated.

NO. 6 COMPANY

Mon. 4th Nov. H.Q. 8 a.m. Those detailed will report to O.C. No. 5 Coy. Dress &c same as for No. 5 Coy.

Tues. 5th Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. Class. Those detailed will attend lecture on Gas Course. All other N.C.O.s. will attend lecture on indication and recognition of targets and fire orders.

Thurs. 7th Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s detailed will attend Gas Course.

Fri. 8th Nov. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Those detailed will attend First Aid lecture. Remainder. No parade.

Note—The Coy. will proceed to camp on 11th Nov. Details will be issued later.

NO. 7 COMPANY

Mon. 4th Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Revolver instruction as detailed. L. G. instruction. I.A. 1, 2 & 3.

Fri. 8th Nov. H.Q. 8 a.m. Field training. Dress—Fighting order. S.D. caps.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Sun. 3rd Nov.—Sat. 9th Nov. incl. Transport and Supplies Secs. for duty as detailed under unit arrangements. Sec. training programmes to C.S.M. Duty Officer for week—Capt. Strellet.

Thurs. 7th Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Drill. Those detailed under R.S.M. Remainder under C.S.M. Dress—Overalls, S.D. Cap, brown or black shoes. Respirator. Duty Officer—Capt. Miskin.

FRIELD AMBULANCE

Tues. 5th Nov. H.Q. 9 a.m. Right Section under Lt. Stout.

Wed. 6th Nov. H.Q. 9 a.m. Centres Section under Lt. Rodrigues.

Thurs. 7th Nov. H.Q. 9 a.m. Left Section under Lt. Balean.

This week's training will take place at H.Q.

Dress—As for usual all day training.

Personnel detailed for the Battery Camps beginning 11th Nov. will parade on dates

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By "Skip"

GREAT INTEREST IS BEING EVINced IN THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL, WHICH IS TO BE PLAYED AT CLUB DE RECREIO AT 1 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON.

THREE RUGBY GAMES

There are three friendly Rugby matches down for decision to-day, as follows:

At Boundary Street: Army "A" v Club "A", 3.15 p.m. Police v Club, 4.30 p.m.

At Causeway Bay: Navy v Army, 4.30 p.m.

Without outside support, Club "A" cannot hold a representative Army "A" Club, should be too good for Police and Army are capable of running up a cricket score against Navy.

Following are some of the teams:

CLUB "A": H. F. Hopkins, H. van Leeuwen, D. Hynes, P. B. Wilson, E. Jones, T. O. Morgan, F. J. D. Clemo, C. M. Stark, E. W. Stout, S. Lee, L. A. Benn, J. Moodie, L. Thomas, G. B. Godfrey and A. G. Dalziel.

NAVY: Mid. Wood; Mid. Robinson, Mid. Bucknell, Tel. Paul and S/Lt. McGill; Lt. Carter (Capt.) and S/Lt. Rutherford; L.S.A. Palmer, Lt. Watson, Sgt. Manfield; S/Lt. Beattie, F/Lt. Taylor; Lt. (E.) Brown, C.P.O. Wtr. King and S/Lt. Wilkinson.

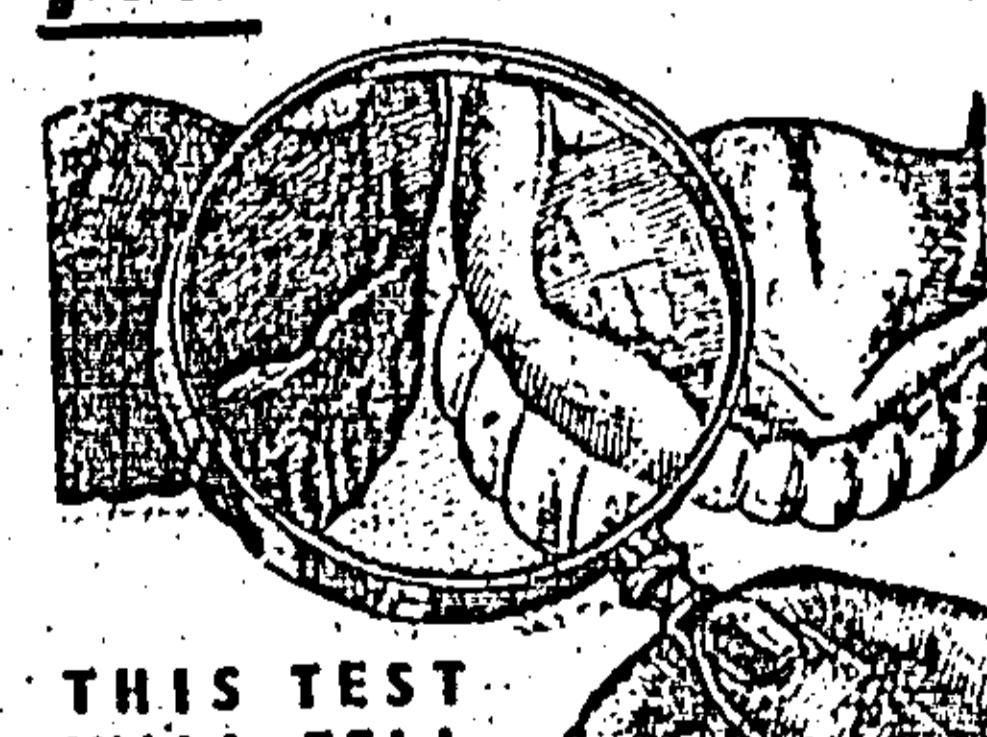
Reserves: Lt.-Cdr. Morahan, S/Lt. Poole, L.A.C. Gracie, Cdt. Lamble, S/Lt. Smith, Sig. Garbett, L/S. Brewer and L/S. Town.

Police: Jackson, Dingsdale, Reynolds, Oakley, Taylor; Sullivan, Wall, Rose, Cullinan, Scarle; Jehner, Todd, Wright-Nooth, Dempsey and Innis.

Reserves: Davitt, Morrison, Shaw and McKenzie.

Army: 2/Lt. Clague (R.A.); Sgt. Marsh (R.A.), Lt. Coombe (R.A.M.C.); Capt. Douglass (R. Scots) and Bdr. Richards (R.A.); Capt. Hook (R.A.); Capt. and L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.); Pte. Berry (Middlesex); Cpl. Sutherland (R. Scots); Capt. Duke (R. Scots); 2/Lt. Heath (R.A.) and 2/Lt. Pinkerton (R. Scots). Reserves: Lt. Ford (R. Scots) and Pte. Macdonald (R.A.M.C.).

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Interesting hockey was witnessed at Sookunpoo yesterday, when Royal Air Force defeated Royal Corps of Signals by 3 goals to 1, in the Small Units Knock-out competition.

Pilot-Officer Gray, centre-forward, played a very aggressive type of game and scored two good goals for the winners. Cpl. Blount scored the only goal for the losers and Bartlett made the game safe with a third goal, for R.A.F.

R.A.F.—Palmer, Webber, and Hunt; Heptonstall, Pennington and Gash; Hodges, Bartlett, Gray, Highlands and Baugh.

SIGNALS—Dove, Gorman and Sayers; Rumford, Coombe and Haistead; Dignan, Price, Holland, Blount and Coghill.

Y' HOCKEY TEAMS

Following will represent Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches on the "Y" ground to-day: 1st XI v Khalsa (4.15 p.m.); Benywell, Killiney and Youliffe; Pennington, Coombe and Waldron; Smith, Morgan, Ure, Dunne and Bates; 2nd XI v Royal Scots Juniors (3 p.m.); Fishlock; Heptonstall and Suxby; Smits, Tomlinson and Gillchrist; Highlands, McGahan, Ryan, Lyde and Fishlock; Carden, William, Pitt, Duffield and Bocock.

RAPIER'S RACING SELECTIONS

Race No. 1.

EVE OF DANCING MUSKETEER ADVANCING TIME

Outsider:—Blue Gate.

Race No. 2.

CONQUERING TIME AVON

HUMDRUM EVE

Outsider:—Liber.

Race No. 3.

SAPPER FAR VIEW

AUSTRALIAN DIAMOND

Outsider:—Amicus Curiae.

Race No. 4.

WARREGO RIVER

CHEERFUL STAR

CENTRE COURT

Outsider:—Piccadilly Jim.

Race No. 5.

CONFUSION BAY CRAIGAVAD

DUPONT BAY

Outsider:—Distinctive Time.

Race No. 6.

CATTERICK BRIDGE HEINZ

COLORADO STAR

Outsider:—Grand Allegiance.

Race No. 7.

GALVESTON BAY

EVE OF HUNTING

EMERGENCY UNIT

Outsider:—Rose Frana

Race No. 8.

PEACEFUL VIEW EXPANSION TIME

LANCASHIRE LASS

Outsider:—Potentato.

Race No. 9.

DAILY DOUBLE: CONFUSION

BAY AND GALVESTON BAY

Following is the 1940 second half form guide at the Valley:

China Ponies

1/2 Mile 155 Yards

1.02.0—Distinctive Time (Wei, 140); 2, Eve of Heaven (Black, 140); 3, Dupont Bay (Sung, 142); 1½ and 2, 8th E. (2).

1.04.4—Conquering Time (Wei, 149); 2, Blue Diamond (Lee, 142); 3, Hopeful Star (Hearne, 161); 2 and ½, 7th E.

1.08.4—West Lake (Chao, 150); 2, Sunlight View (Pih, 168); 3, Portrush (Chang, 159), and Eve of Hunting (Wood, 153), 1½ and dead heat. 8th E. (1).

1.10.0—This Time (Wei, 168); 2, Valoros (Hearne, 145); 3, Double Chance (Chao, 168), Short head and 2, 8th E. (1).

1.26.1—Resisting Time (Wei, 158); 2, Hillsboro Bay (Treverton, 150); 3, Taxing Master (Tao, 151); 3 and 1, 7th E.

1.28.3—Strathbannock (Treverton, 148); 2, Rose Queen (P. Botelho, 153); 3, Advancing Time (Chao, 162), Short head and short head. 7th E.

1.54.3—Gay Star (Tao, 166); 2, Rose Emily (Poy, 144); 3, Conquering Time (Wei, 154). 1 and 1, 8th E. (1).

2.20.1—Eve of Harvest (Black, 157); 2, O-Lan (Needa, 160); 3, Craigavad (Pih, 158); 2 and ½, 8th E. (1).

2.25.2—Dupont Bay (Black, 158); 2, O-Lan (Sung, 168); 3, Distinctive Time (Wei, 158); 1½ and 2, 9th E. (2).

2.28.0—Avon (Black, 145); 2, Galaxy (Tao, 146); 3, Rose Emily (Poy, 151). 1½ and 4, 9th E.

2.37.2—Eve of Hunting (Craven, 158); 2, Phoenix (Liang, 146); 3, Clowner (Chao, 147). 4 and 2, 8th E. (2).

2.41.4—Piet Hein (Wei, 140); 2, Bressay (Hearne, 161); 3, Gold Coin (Liang, 146); 1½ and 2, 8th E. (2).

2.45.1—Venus Bay (Needa, 146); 2, Cheerful Star (Hearne, 145); 3, Quick Despatch (Treverton, 145). 1½ and 3, 8th E. (2).

2.47.3—Income Tax (Tao, 148); 2, Fair Chance (Proulx, 152); 3, Springhurst (Poy, 149). Short head and short head. 9th E.

1.57.1—Peaceful View (Pih, 142); 2, King Kong (Needa, 154); 3, Expansion Time (Wei, 148). Neck and ½, 8th E. (1).

2.00.3—Eve of Dancing (Wood, 152); 2, Eve of Peace (Barrow, 147); 3, Patricia (Ho, 147). 6 and 2, 8th E. (1).

2.05.1—Portrush (Sequeira, 152); 2, Sunlight View (Ho, 156); 3, Eve of Hunting (Wood, 158). ¾ and 3, 7th E.

2.07.4—March Brown (Cooper, 154); 2, Double Chance (Yeung, Wing-kwai, 156); 3, Gold Coin (K. F. Chiu, 148). 4 and 6, 7th E.

2.07.3—Hillsboro Bay (Needa, 158); 2, Thirty Six (Hearne, 148); 3, Advancing Time (Chang, 150). ½ and 2, 8th E. (2).

2.14.6—Victoria (Pih, 150); 2, Blue Gate (Chao, 162); 4 and 3, 8th E. (2).

2.10.3—Thirty Six (Chao, 168); 2, Victoria (Pih, 161); 3, Blue Gate (Chang, 150). Short head and 3, 9th E.

2.17.1—Brown Derby (Black, 152) and Income Tax (Wei, 160); 3, Breton (Chattey, 155). Dead heat and 4, 7th E.

2.17.1—Warrego River (Black, 147); 2, Catterick Bridge (Hearne, 152); 3, Colorado Star (Davis, 135). 2 and 4, 8th E. (1).

2.17.2—Venus Bay (Needa, 146); 2, Cheerful Star (Hearne, 145); 3, Quick Despatch (Treverton, 145). 1½ and 3, 8th E. (2).

2.17.3—Income Tax (Tao, 148); 2, Fair Chance (Proulx, 152); 3, Springhurst (Poy, 149). Short head and short head. 9th E.

1.57.1—Brown Derby (Black, 162); 2, Shuttlegcock (Hearne, 147); 3, Piccadilly Jim (Poy, 155). 1½ and 2, 8th E. (2).

2.13.2—Springhurst (Poy, 143); 2, Rowan (Hearne, 155); 3, Murrambridge (Black, 147). Short head and 2, 8th E. (1).

2.17.3—Cheerful Star (Tao, 150); 2, Piccadilly Jim (Poy, 150); 3, Centre Court (Sung, 160). 2 and 1½, 7th E.

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CLOSE GAMES IN SOUTH CHINA MEET EASTERN TO-DAY: SOFTBALL LEAGUE THIS WEEK-END

(By "Grandstand")

SEVERAL CLOSE games will feature to-morrow's 11-game schedule, and the Indian Softball Club-Cyclone tilt promises to be the most interesting, apart from settling a number of long-standing grudges. The Wildcats-Baby Panthers tussle will provide the excitement in the Ladies' league, with the former just being able to claw their way to victory over the Pantherettes, who are by no means a negligible quantity in the pennant race.

Manager-coach Cesario "Donald Duck" Xavier will field his regular line-up, and his starting battery will be pint-sized Irene Tavares on the mound with teammate Therese Marques behind the platter. Theresita Botelho, second-string, has been assigned the duty of holding the initial sack, whilst Sarah Kwong and Captain Celeste Marques will be guarding second and third bases, with Regina Xavier filling the short-stop gap. Outfielders will be relief hurler Lelia Xavier, Norma Silva and Hilda Soares.

Wildcats, presenting their most formidable line-up this season, are taking no chances and will start Thelma Collaco on the rubber with Cynthia "Sailor" da Motta at the receiving end. Lily "Sunshine" Mar, Thelma da Motta and Gloria Mar will be guarding the bags with Doris Mar plugging up the windy alley. The gardeners will be Irene "Sluggo" Pereira, Virginia Chu, and port-sider Dolly Brown.

Wildcats have a slight edge over the Pantherettes, being the heavier swatters, but the Panthers have been known to pull off some upsets, and anything may happen.

A Close Match

Following this game, Recreio Ramblers will clash with the Wahoos in another close game.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET MATCHES

Following is to-day's programme of friendly cricket matches:

SENIOR

H.K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.

JUNIOR

C.S.C.C. v. P.R.C.

Army v. H.K.C.C.

Following are the teams:

C.S.C.C. 1st XI:—J. E. Richardson, W. Colledge, A. E. Perry, D. MacLellan, S. Booker, T. V. Fortescue, J. Attwell, R. H. Griffiths, D. Hollidge, L. Whitley and N. L. Smith.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI:—H. E. Strange, A. F. Sheppard, F. E. Lawrence, G. Ainslie, C. Stone, D. Davidson, A. Watson, J. Barrow, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell and R. G. Robertson.

P.R.C. 1st XI:—A. E. Carey, C. Pope, W. L. Clarke, A. Kirby, J. Shepherd, H. Danrowsky, A. Estall, J. Attkin, J. Lewis, E. G. Post and A. Billingham.

Reserves:—H. Tyler, K. M. McLeod and W. Fyffe.

H.K.C.C. 1st XI:—H. Owen-Hughes (Capt.), Surg.-Lt. Com. W. G. Flinn, R. N. R. D. Gillaspie, Major D. C. E. Grose, M. F. L. Haymes, T. G. C. Knight, A. K. Mackenzie, J. C. C. Matthews, D. O. Parsons, J. L. C. Pearce and T. A. Pearce.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, Capt. A. J. Dowar, J. N. Fox, C. E. Gahagan, R. M. M. King, R. S. W. Paterson, E. W. Pudney, D. S. Robb and I. P. Tamworth.

Army:—Capt. Lawrence, Brig. McLeod, Sgt. French, Sig. Dixon, Pte. Hatfield, Major Swyer, Pte. Bateman, L/Cpl. Murphy, 2nd/Lieut. Plummer, Gnr. Barsby and 2nd/Lieut. Ansari.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI:—A. M. Omar (Capt.), J. L. Youngsye, W. K. Way, N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, S. R. Solina, U. Esmail, E. Esmail, Mitchell, H. Forman and F. A. Ozorio.

The friendly cricket game between Kowloon Cricket Club and Indian Recreation Club, arranged for to-day, has been cancelled owing to the Indian festival of Ramadan. An intra-Club game will be played at Kowloon Cricket Club instead.

To-morrow's Game

Following will represent Volunteers against Army at Sookunpo to-morrow commencing at 11 a.m.:—D. McLellan (Capt.), K. M. Baxter, N. D. Booker, G. N. Gosano, J. M. Gosano, D. O. Parsons, A. E. Perry, C. M. Stark, W. Stoker, G. S. Winch and A. Zimmerman.

SOUTH CHINA MEET EASTERN TO-DAY: LEE AN ABSENTEE?

Ng & Hsu Strengthening Eastern

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

Following is to-day's Football League programme:

FIRST DIVISION

South China v. Eastern (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.).
Kowloon v. Middlesex (Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.).
Club v. Police (Club, 4.15 p.m.).

SECOND DIVISION

Service Corps v. Ordnance (St. Joseph's, 2.45 p.m.).
Kowloon v. Middlesex (Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.).
Club (Club, 2.45 p.m.).

THIRD DIVISION

International v. Medicals (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.).
Shell v. 20th R.A. (Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.).
7th R.A. v. Service Corp (Military, 2.45 p.m.).
Engineers v. 12th R.A. (Military, 4.15 p.m.).
Signals v. 24th R.A. (Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.).

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION

Navy v. Kwong Wah (Causeway Bay, 4.15 p.m.).
Sing Tao v. R. Scots (Club, 4.15 p.m.).

SECOND DIVISION

30th R.A. v. South China (Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.).
Sing Tao v. R. Scots (Club, 2.45 p.m.).
Navy v. Engineers (Navy, 2.45 p.m.).

THIRD DIVISION

Kit Chee v. Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.).
35th R.A. v. A.S.A. (Sookunpo, 2.45 p.m.).

The Green-shirted Owls, who were checked by Cardinals last week, cannot afford to lose another game if they are to be in the race. Both teams have only one game to their credit, and will be fighting tooth and nail to raise their average.

Weak Pitching

At 12.30 Canadian Chinese should trample all over Chung Hwa Femmes in another track meet, on their way to their third victory of the season. Although the Chung Hwa squad have improved slightly since their first showing, they are still suffering from pitching weakness, both Ella Chin and Frances "Zaza" finding difficulty in putting them across. So long as they keep on handing out free passes, I cannot see how they are going to win ball games.

Recs Should Win

In the opener of the Senior League, Recreio Aces tangle with Hong Kong Baseballers, and this clash will probably end with the latter at the short end of the score. Rambling Reefs are determined to protect their undefeated record, which seems to be a cinch. Baseballers showed nothing remarkable in their last game with the Saints, except for a late rally. "Super-charged" chuckie Johnny Alvares will be toeing the rubber for Reefs, and should be able to silence the Baseballers' big guns. Their regular infield aces, Nick Beltrao, first-sack, Zinho Gosano, second-sack, Tony "Pee-wee" Alves, shortstop, and Lino Gosano, third-sack, will be fielded, whilst foot-proof ball hawks Eddie Gosano, Johnnie Fonseca and Bertie Gosano will be patrolling the pastures. Kitchell, Johnnie Delgado and Bakar will be in charge of this game.

Team Rivalry

Slated to start at 3.15, Indians will cross bats with Cyclones, and, apart from the fact that both are evenly matched, there is great team rivalry. The story goes back to when the original intention was to form one squad from the successful International champions, the Indian contingent, but for some very strong reasons the team split into two factions. Both teams are tipped to be in the running for the season's honours, and will go all-out to get even with each other, and it is rumoured that a lot of folding money will change hands on the outcome of the game, and I don't mean loose change.

Cyclones are the better fielding team, and Dame Fortune seems to have favoured Pinky Pineda, Cyclone hurler, but how long will it last? Indians, on the other hand are the better hitters, whilst Kassa Nazarin has a slightly speedier ball than Pinky. All in all, the call will be close, and will be worth the two bits admission.

Positional Changes

Mentor A. K. Omar of the Indians, who will be seen at second, will start with their only battery of Kassa Na-

zar and Tarzan Ismail, with Maden "Slim" Arculli at the initial bag, and Oberar Arculli at the hot-corner. Huckjai Kitchell will plug up the windy alley. A. R. Abbas, Yusuf and Sherdan "Romeo" Hamet will be the outfielders, and they had better be good . . . or else.

Manager "Sunburn" Omar, who ungraciously sliced three chunks of air last week, will be boss on the bench, and it is understood that a few positional changes are being made. Key-stonekeeper Barney Abbas will take the centre-patch in the garden, with K. M. Rumjahn and Bakar at left and right. Base guardians in one, two, three order will be A. K. Markar, I. Haroon and Sherry Bux with A. A. Rumjahn filling the short-stop gap. Pinky Pineda will start on the hillock with battery-mate Skelly Razack.

Inadequate information is that rookie A. R. Markar is developing into a speed ball twirler, and will be standing by.

Chinese Favoured

In the night-cap, Filipinos will meet Chinese Baseballers, who should record their first win. Chinese Baseballers made a very poor showing last week against Saints, and unless they can do better they will certainly end up in the lower half of the League standings at the end of the season.

Three games have been arranged in the Junior loop, which is scheduled to start at 1.15 p.m., when Recreio Bees should have no difficulty in trouncing Royal Scots, newcomers to the game.

The Chung Hwa-R.A.F. game follows and should prove more interesting, as both teams are fairly evenly matched. At 3.45 the Cosmos take on Liga.

SUTCLIFFE IN A JIM SMITH ROLE

SPECTATORS AT Bradford rubbed their eyes recently when Captain Herbert Sutcliffe rose to the Jim Smith class with a fiercely-hit century. Playing for a Yorkshire eleven against the Bradford League, he scored 127 in 110 minutes.

A partnership with Driver Paul Gibb for the fourth wicket realised 100 in 35 minutes in the biggest and brightest stand of the day—brighter even than Constantine's innings for the Bradford League.

And Constantine had brought thunderous cheering with his 100 in an hour!

70 In Boundaries

Sutcliffe hit a 6 and sixteen 4's in an exhibition which could not have been improved upon, in his final day. Constantine and Martindale were among those he faced.

Sing Tao Face Stiff Hurdle In Royals

By "Referee"

Outstanding game in to-day's soccer programme is the First Division encounter between South China, League champions and Eastern, Senior Shield holders, at Caroline Hill.

At their last meeting, in the Final of the Senior Shield competition, Eastern surprisingly won by the odd goal in five, but both teams have made many changes since then.

Eastern will probably be strengthened by the inclusion of Ng Kee-cheong, while Hsu Man-fui has returned from a short trip North and will lead the attack.

South China are not in a happy state of mind about their team. Lee Wai-tong is still nursing an ankle injury sustained last week, and may not be able to play. Chau Man-chi is not yet fit and Tao Kwai-shing again contemplates retiring from the game. His only reason for playing again this season was to help his old club in their hour of need and he feels that he can now leave.

Riches Not Playing

Middlesex will be without Riches, their right-back, against Kowloon at Chatham Road.

Sing Tao should be fully extended by Royal Scots if the latter's forward line is in form. Royals have a fairly sound defence and should be able to cope with the Sing Tao attack. Clarke's return has strengthened the intermediate line and both Fraser and Naysmith, the backs, are now accustomed to the clever play of the Chinese.

Lai Shui-wing will be playing in the forward line for Sing Tao; and Chui Ah-fai will return to his old position as right-half.

Following are some of the teams for the week-end:

FIRST DIVISION

EASTERN—Lau Hin-hon; Kang Seng-king and Ng Kee-cheong; Lau Ted-chan, Hsu King-seng and Lo Wal-ku'en; Chung Yung-sum, Chang Kam-hoi, Hsu Man-fu, Tsq Chau-ting and Hau Ching-to.

SING TAO—Cheung Wing-chol; Hau Yung-sang and Lee Ting-sang; Leung Wing-chui, Soong Ling-sing and Lau

Ting-sun or Chui Ah-fai; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-keoi or Lal Shui-wing, Tsui Ah-fai and Ip Pak-wah.

SOUTH CHINA—Tam Kwan-kon; Tsang Tsung-wan, Lee Kwoi-wai, Lau Hing-chol, Lam Tak-po, Tse Kam-hung, Leo Shek-yau, Chau Man-chi, Lau Chung-sang, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Tak-kee and Tso Kwei-sing.

POLICE—McHardy; Blackburn and Parker; Pope, Gough and North; Chan Kwong-ku, Howlett, Lau Hing-chu, Ferrier and Moss.

ROYAL SCOTS—Duncans; Naysmith and Fraser; Falconer, Paraby and Clarke; Munro, Marshall, Hossack, Fleming and Gilroy.

CLUB—Odell; Strange and Eardley; Skinner, Forrow and Strange, Fowler, Scott, Hopkinson, Bickford and Reirsten.

SECOND DIVISION

SING TAO—Choo Shui-hang; Mak Shui-hon and Lee Wing-on; Au Sheng-ko, Lai Kwoi-chui and Tam Chun-fai; Chee Kam-shing, Wu Chui-chung, Tam Chun-kon, Tam Wan-chang and Cheung Moon-wing.

SOUTH CHINA—Ho Po-pui; Wong Sul-kei and Hsu Fook-yuen; Cheng Kwoi-cheong, Cheung Bing-yun and Ho Lok-kei; Chung Chi-kong, Chan Chung-yuen, Chi Kwok-lan, Chi Wing-keung and Chin Sik-fai.

POLICE—Todd; Mui Shui-ki and Pile; Mak Hon-yan, Brittain and Fair; Kwoi-chol; Wong Man-kwai, Gordon, Channing, Coull and Kong Hing.

CLUB—Marvin; Coleman and Sloan; Macfarlane, Grattan and Purvis; Dodd, or A. Odell, Kennard, Lodge, Morrison and Carr.

R. ENGINEERS—Moxham; Palmer and Tang Chung-pak; Birrell, Shaw (Capt.) and T. Taylor; Li Wal-lam, Chan Kum-poy, Fox or A. N. Other, Felldim and Chung Sing.

THIRD DIVISION

INTERNATIONAL—Bux; V. M. Marques and D'Aquino; W. Wilkinson, A. Leonard and J. Tavares; H. Campbell, R. Rocha, F. W. Hey, A. A. Rum-jahr and W. Sprinkle (Capt.).

Reserves:—A. Rocha, I. Castilho, W. Aycock and A. Elarte.

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The defeat of a large force of Italian planes by R.A.F. fighters is chronicled in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The communique says a large force of enemy bombers escorted by 12 fighters tried to attack a target in the Mersa Matruh area on October 31. R.A.F. fighters immediately engaged the enemy.

In the ensuing battle four Italian planes were shot down and four others destroyed, while four more were so damaged that it is unlikely they returned to their base.

During the battle two British fighters collided but the pilots landed safely by parachute.

One British fighter was shot down and one which was last seen engaging three Italian planes has hitherto not returned to its base.

R.A.F. bombers raided Gambut, in Libya, where enemy aircraft were dispersed on the ground. Two Italian aircraft were destroyed, another probably destroyed and several others severely damaged by bomb splinters.—Reuter.

ISLAM AND THE DICTATORS

MOSLEMS IN LONDON YESTERDAY OFFERED PRAYERS UP FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FOES OF ISLAM WHEN THEY CELEBRATED THEIR 3-DAY FEAST FOLLOWING THE FEAST OF RAMADAN.

One of the speakers said that

"TURKEY'S ATTITUDE of non-belligerency should not be an obstacle to the maintenance of normal relations with all countries which show the same measure of goodwill towards us," declared the President, General Ismet Ineunu, speaking at the opening of the Turkish National Assembly in Ankara yesterday.

"This attitude makes absolutely impossible, with no exception whatsoever, the use of our territory, our seas or skies by the belligerents, and will continue to make such use categorically and absolutely impossible as long as we take no part in the war."

General Ineunu emphasised that no change had taken place in the policy which he explained after opening the previous session.

He added: "Our neighbour and friend, Greece, has unfortunately been dragged into the war. Together with our ally, Great Britain, we are studying the situation which has arisen."

"At a time when England is carrying on under difficulties her heroic struggle for her very existence, it is our duty to reaffirm our friendship and alliance."

New Phase

General Ineunu said that the attacks against Britain following the defeat of France had met with obstinate resistance and this fact led the war into a new phase.

It seemed likely this phase would be of long duration and

the sympathies of all Moslems go out to the democracies.—Reuter.

that the suffering and misery of mankind would continue for a long time to come.

"It is impossible not to be deeply moved by this dark prospect, nor to note with great sorrow and pain this retrogression of civilisation."

General Ineunu emphasised that Turkish policy was based on the maintenance of their political independence and territorial integrity and had nothing to do with the "ambitious aims that hold sway according to the development of events."

Turkey's Position Clear

Turkey did not covet an inch of territory beyond her own frontiers and it had no intention of trespassing on anyone's rights.

"Foreign countries can have no reason to take offence at our policy, nor blame us for our endeavours to safeguard our rights," he asserted.

Referring to Greece, General Ineunu said: "Our neighbour and friend, Greece, whose territory lies in that zone of security and tranquillity which is of importance to Turkey, unfortunately finds herself dragged into the war."

"Together with our ally, Great Britain, we are studying and envisaging the situation."

"We hope that the political principle which I earlier stated and which has kept our country out of the horrors of war will in the same manner maintain our security in the future."

Russo-Turkish Relations

General Ineunu referred to Russo-Turkish friendly relations as a factor of intrinsic value amidst the vicissitudes of the world.

He added: "Our two countries mean to perpetuate this fact independent of all other influences."

"We are convinced this policy will be as fruitful for both parties to-morrow as it was yesterday and will serve the interests of the two countries without harming anyone."

"It is possible, even probable, that there lies before us a long period of suffering for humanity. During this period, while remaining sensitive to all that affects our vital interests, we shall continue to be faithful to our friendship and alliances."

Solid Bonds With Britain

"At a time when Britain is carrying on under difficult conditions a heroic struggle for its very existence, it is my duty to proclaim that the bonds of alliance which unite us to her are solid and unbreakable."

General Ineunu, after referring to the strengthening of the Turkish army and the praiseworthy self-sacrifice of the people, gave an assurance that "The honour of the Turkish Republic is fully capable of carrying out those tasks which it may be called upon to perform."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Italian fighters took part in yesterday's raids on Britain but seemed unwilling to face even anti-aircraft fire.

A number of Italian machines, which appeared to be Albas, small-wing biplanes, were over the south-east coast during the afternoon but were driven out to sea by the anti-aircraft defences.

Two which appeared over one coast town at a height of about 10,000 feet made off over the Channel as gunners got in some accurate bursts near them.—Reuter.

An ordinance to amend the Betting Duty gazetted to-day increases the duty of cash sweep tickets from five per cent. to ten per cent. The amendment also authorises an increase in the percentage which may be deducted.

The Attorney-General's explanation says that the changed figures will enable clubs as well as Government to derive some benefit, but there is nothing to prevent clubs from devoting to prizes a higher percentage if they so desire.

Power to control the employment of persons in the colony is taken under new clauses added to the Defence Regulations and gazetted to-day.

The powers authorise Government to take any person in the Colony out of one employment and put him in another, or to remain in em-

ployment which any person may desire to leave. They also cover the prevention of work being interrupted by trade dispute, provide for the establishment of a tribunal for settlement of any trade dispute and prohibit strikes or lock-outs.

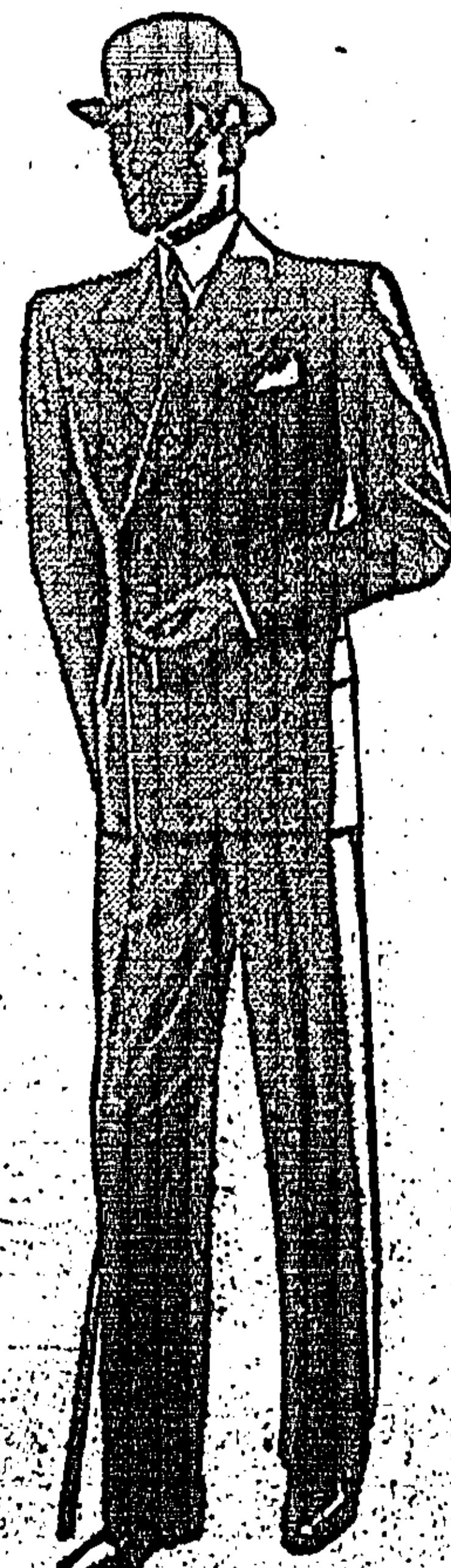
Two applications for exemption from evacuation and two for permission to return to the Colony were considered and rejected by the Evacuation Advisory Committee in the Council Chamber this morning.

The applicants were Mrs. M. Clark, Mrs. B. Pears, Mrs. G. B. S. Thomson and Mrs. R. M. Bigazzi.

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